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Buxton Layoff Causes Much Local Concern

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

The layoff last Friday of 125 factory workers at Buxton, Inc., has sparked town officials to form a subcommittee of the Agawam Town Council to review the layoff and determine if the town can provide assistance to keep the company here.

According to most town officials we talked to, the town must first determine the exact position of Buxton officials on the company's future here. Several employees told us Tuesday morning that although the layoff caught most by surprise, it has been rumored for some time.

Company President C. William Crain announced the layoff of the factory workers Friday. While Buxton is one of the largest employers in Agawam, the layoff will not affect Buxton's clerical, administrative, or distribution center employees. Buxton also has plants in Oklahoma and California.

Craine told the *Advertiser News* Tuesday morning, "The only layoff affecting this plant is the manufacturing workers. We still have the other employees here and don't foresee closing the plant."

When asked if there was any plans to rehire the laid-off workers, Crain further told us, "We will be discussing that with the bargaining unit. This facility is no longer cost effective or competitive. The kind of things that would have to be done to make it competitive don't make sense in terms of economics."

If the Agawam plant did cease manufacturing, it could result in a loss of more than 400 jobs, some seasonal.

At a special meeting on Washington's Birthday at Town Hall called by council President Andrew C. Gallano, State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam), Town Manager Reid S. Charles, and council members Phillip DeForge and Dorothy Nelsen discussed the effects Buxton's decision will have on the employees and the town.

Walsh said, "We're going to try and find out where Buxton stands and what their plans are. Our primary concern is for the employees. We will try to get their jobs back for them or help them find other jobs."

Gallano said he is planning a meeting at presstime with Buxton officials. "We want to get a clearer picture of what is going on," he said.

Officials from the 88 year-old firm have not contacted town officials at presstime.

Mark Haymes, president of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, commented, "I think it's a little premature to judge if it (Buxton) is closing. They're retrenching and trying different measures to remain more competitive. They need our support right now."

"I don't think it's fair to say they're closing down yet. I know they've laid off some but they have other employees that are still there. I would like to see them be able to stay open."

Buxton has been located in Agawam since the 1950's.

Crain added that the company is considering buying its leather goods from overseas contractors as a cost-cutting plan used by many of its competitors.

The layoff at the plant came about two weeks after employees refused to accept management's proposal to forfeit a seven percent pay raise.



THE SIGN OUTSIDE OF AGAWAM BUXTON is a noted landmark for motorists on Main Street, however, the inscription on the sign can hardly describe the mood at the plant after last week's layoffs. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

School Committee Honors Former Members



AGAWAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN Walter Balboni (left) presented certificates and commemorative bells to former board members Bernadette Conte and Raymond Saracino. Both Mrs. Conte and Saracino did not seek reelection to the board in last November's municipal elections. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.



THE AGAWAM BUXTON PLANT ON MAIN STREET laid-off 125 employees, Friday, February 14th. At presstime, it had not been determined if further layoffs were pending or if the plant would close altogether in the near future. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Company Explains Layoff Of Workers...

Buxton President's Memo To Employees Reprinted

The following is an inter-office memo sent from Buxton Company President C. William Crane to employees, Friday, February 14th, when 125 plant workers were laid-off from the Agawam plant on Main Street.

"The personal leathersgoods industry has been in great difficulty for the last two years. The industry has been besieged by imports, which according to government statistics now account for over 30 percent of shipments.

Many of our customers deal directly with off-shore producers. Most of Buxton's competition has always manufactured its product outside of the United States. In the last few months, even more companies have made that decision. No company in the industry, including Buxton, is immune to these enormous pressures.

Buxton has gone to great lengths in an effort to maintain its primary production facility in Agawam. We have invested substantial amounts of money in automatic equipment which is the envy of the industry.

We have maintained a large staff of technical people to analyze and reduce cost. We have tried to impress upon our employees the need for operating flexibility, cost control, and restraint.

Despite these actions, the Agawam manufacturing plant has become a high cost facility, when identical product is costed against other manufacturing alternatives. It is a sad fact that a combination of factors may have made the Agawam manufacturing plant uncompetitive.

Therefore, we are sorry to inform you that you are being laid-off immediately. At the present time, the company is seriously contemplating a change in its method of operations. While no formal decision has been reached, it is possible that the company will cease all manufacturing operations in Massachusetts, in which case the layoff, unfortunately, would become permanent.

We will be discussing these matters, and all related issues, with your collective bargaining representative in the very near future. Presumably, a final decision will be reached promptly. I can assure you that you will

be informed immediately when a final decision is reached.

The closing of the Agawam facility is being contemplated with great sadness, regret, reluctance, and only as a last resort. Local manufacturing has been an integral part of Buxton for 88 years. Many employees have made many contributions to Buxton over the years, and Buxton, in turn, has many many contributions to their lives.

However, our concern today is with all those employees potentially impacted by this retrenchment, since we fully recognize the disruption that will take place in their lives should the plant cease manufacturing operations.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1986 at 8:00 p.m. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of Fiore Fusco who is seeking relief from Section 20 Paragraph 32 of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the construction of a duplex residence on a lot with less than the required frontage and area identified as 27-29 JAMES AVENUE.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Theodore A. Progulski
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NOTE: At presstime, we have learned that town officials and Buxton officials will be meeting, Friday, February 21st, to discuss the recent layoff of 125 employees from the Agawam plant.

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Two steps will be taken in the meantime. First, the Massachusetts director of Employment Security has been contacted today and has been requested to provide all assistance which the law provides in obtaining reemployment assistance. You may file a claim for unemployment compensation directly with the Department of Employment Security.

Second, the company will continue to pay its share of your regular group health insurance coverage until further notice. You must continue to make all regular contributions.

In regard to the Employee Stock Ownership Plan, any employee whose layoff becomes permanent if the plant closes will become 100 percent immediately. Details regarding the plan will be furnished, if appropriate, after discussions with the bargaining representative.

Once again, I express sincere regrets for the current situation and we pledge to notify you as soon as possible regarding what you may expect in the future."

MUNICIPAL EVENTS

COLONIAL
FUNERAL HOME

Tuesday, February 25th
School Committee Meeting
Junior High School
7:00 P.M.

Monday, March 3rd
Town Council Meeting
Public Library
8:00 P.M.

Thursday, March 6th
Board of Appeals
Town Hall Annex
7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, March 11th
School Committee Meeting
Junior High School
7:00 p.m.

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Letters To The EDITOR

"In Old Agawam" Fondly Recalled

To The Editor:

Upon reading the article "In Old Agawam," on "Setting The Record Straight," I want to add my interest and memories of that "old barn" at the corner of Main Street and South Street.

That old barn was a part of my early life as was the house and store called "The Brookside Groceries."

In my early childhood, I would visit my grandmother and would help her collect eggs from the many roosts below the barn. She had hundreds of Rhode Island Reds.

I would help her candle the eggs and weigh them to sell in her store.

She raised her own chickens and as a child, I would watch the eggs till they cracked with the life of newborns.

I really enjoyed playing in the barn, climbing up into the rafters, and playing hide-'n'-go seek with my brother and sisters. As I grew, I helped my grandmother in the store.

Things were very different in those days. My grandmother used to let people ring-up their goods

themselves so many times, and the trust she had in them. Most all of us were neighborhood folks and knew it was hard for grandma as she could hardly walk.

I remember the old slicing machine for meats and the old candy counter with its glass front. I remember her gas pumps with gas under 21 cents per gallon.

I remember her 12 cents cigarettes and penny candy. As the years passed and new businesses opened, she would go to the big stores to buy a few cans of this or that and sell them in her store for the same price (just so the same neighbors would stop by and talk).

I remember the card club parties she would have in the building next to the house. There were over 20 tables at one time and that was where my Mom and Dad met.

Many years before I was born, there used to be an apartment type dwelling below the house.

One would never know that now.

I remember the field across the brook where we used to play and get chased by bulls. I remember fishing in the brook and only catching eels that would tangle on the line.

After my grandfather died, my grandmother decided to live with my parents because of her age.

It was a sad time for so many things came to an end. I checked into the history of that land and buildings in 1962 and found that the store was built in the early 1700's. The house was added later and the barn after that.

I still have memories and dreams of my youth there and they are very good memories and dreams.

The rest of the buildings are still there. Time is still

on their side. Memories and dream will always be there.

Sincerely
Richard D. Landers
Port Richey, Florida

Paul Ferrarini Thanks Town Agencies

To The Editor:

I wish to personally thank the Police Department, Fire Department, and Ambulance for all the caring and professionalism they showed me and my wife during the fire that struck our home last month.

We have been paying our taxes in Agawam for a long time and it's good to know that the town is blessed with such fine men in these departments.

The past five months have been very hard on my wife and I. First, my health has suffered since November and I've been in-and-out of the hospital. Then, our beautiful home was partially ruined due to a fire that started in our basement.

Being an elderly couple has made this a trying ordeal. Thanks to our many friends in the community, we have been comforted during these trying times. I again wish to thank everyone for all of their support and comfort.

Again, thanks to the hard-working men of the Agawam Police and Fire Departments, and of course, the Ambulance EMT's. You are always there in time of need for the people of Agawam. We all do appreciate you. Thanks again.

Sincerely Yours,
Paul Ferrarini, Sr.
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The Hampden County Office of Energy and Management (HCOEM) is presently conducting the Energy Conservation Bank Loan Program in Hampden County to assist homeowners and landlords in financing energy conservation improvements.

It reduces the principal on energy loans and interest rates for qualifying participants, and is the first federal energy financing program for moderate and middle income households. Improvements covered under this program include new heating systems, energy-efficient oil burners, attic and wall insulation, storm windows, solar domestic hot water, and other improvements.

An example of income guidelines offered by the program would allow a family of four in Hampden County to be considered eligible if their gross household income is no more than \$41,250. The single person income ceiling is \$28,875.

According to Roger Harris, project director, "If eligible, the cost to the homeowner of the bank loan would be reduced by the amount of the subsidy. In addition, interest rate reductions are also available for those whose incomes are at the lower end of the spectrum. There are no limits for landlords with buildings containing two or more apartments. They are eligible for a 20 percent principal subsidy to a maximum of \$400 per unit," Harris said.

The HCOEM has received over \$155,000 through the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy Resources to distribute as loan subsidies.

This program has been extremely successful and has served the needs of many Hampden County residents in an effort to cut their energy costs. The ECB program has disbursed over \$115,000 in subsidies. HCOEM has assisted over 122 homeowners in Hampden County and provided energy savings of over \$70,000. Subsidy funds are limited and available until July.

For further information, call Roger Harris, 781-8100, extension 2313.

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AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 27, 1986, at 7:00 p.m., in the Town Clerk Meeting Room, Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, is called to act upon the petition of the AT&T Communications to perform work subject to the Act bisecting the Town of Agawam, following a Westfield River for approximately 3,000 feet before crossing the river into West Springfield.

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Agawam Golden Age Club Meets



THE AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB HELD ITS MONTHLY meeting, Wednesday, February 12th, at the Agawam Senior Center. Pictured, from left - Madelyn Harper, Louis Scherpa, Lee Faits, Mary Demersky, and Katherine Aldrich. All are officers of the club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Senator Melconian To Speak Before West Side Chamber

"Liability Insurance: Problems and Solutions" will be the topic of a West Springfield Chamber of Commerce breakfast, Friday, February 21st, at 7:30 a.m., at the Colosseum Banquet House.

Guest speakers will be State Senator Linda Melconian, chairwoman of the Senate Insurance Committee, and West Springfield insurance agent David Griffin.

Donald MacMeekin, insurance consultant and a Chamber director, will serve as moderator.

Program committee member Annmarie Russo, Northeast Utilities, will chair the event.

Contact the Chamber office for reservations.

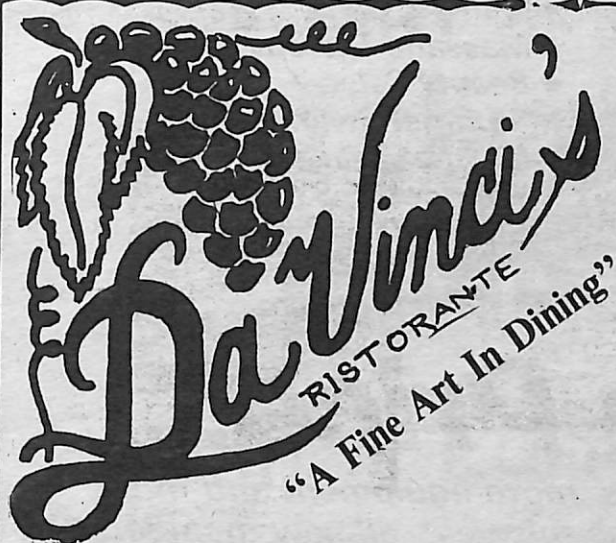
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THE WEST SPRINGFIELD A-1 Hoffman staff: From left - Peter Hoffman, Maureen Hoffman, Dolores Wagner, Shirely Fullam, Roger Schmidt, Joan Goodnough, Sue Beukenkamp, and Bonnie Graham. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Town Planning Survey Criticized Tuesday

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

Agawam resident Christopher Johnson, a three-year law student, addressed the Agawam Town Council, Tuesday, February 18th, during the Citizen Speak Time portion of the meeting and criticized the town's Office of Planning and Community Development.

Johnson told councilors Tuesday night that a recent survey conducted by the Planning Department was ill-advised and not deserving the publicity it has previously received.

The survey, according to Johnson, "is really pretty sad. It's so broad the answers aren't good enough for anything except, maybe, wallpaper."

The Planning Department send out the survey to townspeople to get their feelings on local growth as well as their attitude on local political issues.

Johnson said the survey was lacking in some vital areas that should be of concern to anyone seriously planning to use it as a guide.

One of his major contentions was that because only 268 were sent out and there were only 56 responses. "I really don't feel the answers tabulated by the Planning Office are representative of how people in town really feel."

Johnson said there are over 8,000 homes in Agawam and 268 surveys are not a good indicator to use when trying to "read the pulse of Agawam."

Another area Johnson criticized the survey was in the breakdown of people who made returns. "An example of this is that the percentage of male respondents was 56 percent - female respondents was 48 percent. That totaled 104 percent."

Johnson also said the questions on the survey were confusing. "For example, how does one define multi-family housing? Does this mean condominiums, apartments, or what? What is used to tell the difference between commercial and industrial?"

"The map given with the survey wasn't labeled in one spot. How can answers be given to indicate that section of town when it can't be referred to?"

Johnson told the council he hopes no one was taking the findings of the survey seriously. "I urge the council to throw this survey out. I'm here to ask the council to do another one and be more definitive. If the town is going to use a survey such as this, it should be accurate."

When asked about the survey, Planning Department Director Deborah Dachos said, "I felt there was a general feeling of unhappiness in the town and with town officials. The survey was done as a goodwill kind of thing. We just wanted to see how people would react. It was just for me to hear what people in Agawam want."

Johnson said he understood Ms. Dachos wanting to use the survey for her own benefit, but added, "If that was the case, I can't understand why all the publicity came out. Ms. Dachos should have simply told reporters when called about it was that it was an in-house type of thing and did not deserve publicity at this time. Instead, we get articles making it sound like it's policy of some sort."

Johnson said he was also concerned about land use in Agawam. According to this survey, Johnson said 84 percent were reported to favor preserving open space and natural areas in town.

"Simply, I think the Planning Department could use this figure to curtail growth in the town. I'm in favor of growth. It adds to our tax base, especially condominiums and commercial development."

"Most people I've talked to don't believe they can use this survey for a planning tool since only 56 people in a town of 30,000 responded."

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You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Public Library, Cooper Street, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, March 3rd, 1986 upon petition of Western Mass. Electric Company dated November 13, 1985 for permission to erect a line of poles with wires and fixtures in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 19th day of February, 1986.

Information regarding this petition may be obtained from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Springfield between 8-10 a.m. tel. no. 733-9930.

PETITION NO. AG-1191

STREET Springfield Street

Ursula Retzler

Clerk of the Council

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Ursula Retzler

Clerk of the Council

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10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
Pastor Berkey, Speaker

7:00 P.M. - Revival Rally
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Agawam UNICO Plans St. Theresa's Names Two Eagle Scouts Macaroni Supper

Agawam UNICO will hold its 24th Annual Macaroni & Meatball Supper, Sunday, March 2nd, at Agawam High School cafeteria, Cooper Street, Agawam. Continuous serving will be from noontime to 5:00 p.m.

Tickets are adults - \$3.50 and children - \$2. Tickets may be purchased from members and at the high school on March 2nd. Walk-ins are welcome.

Tickets can also be purchased from ticket chairman Richard DiLullo, 786-4304; or from event co-chairmen Frank Chriscola, 786-4304; and Charles Calabrese, 786-1225. Tickets may also be purchased from the following businesses - Gino's Liquors, Malone's Farm and Garden Center, and Mutti's Service Station.

Take-outs will be available and containers will be furnished. Proceeds will benefit mental health, special education projects, yearly scholarships, and many other community projects.

Besides Calabrese and Chriscola, other committee members are: Al Malone, salads; Paul Ferrarini, publicity; and Jennie Christopher, macaroni sauce, who has been christened by Paul Ferrarini as UNICO's "Sauce Queen."

The menu will be ziti and macaroni with delicious sauce and meatballs, tossed salad, bread, coffee, and dessert.

In conjunction with the supper there will be a bake sale and a committee is now being formed to handle this part of the event. Also, there will be two serving lines during busy times to help reduce the waiting.

The Annual Macaroni and Meatball Supper was the first fundraiser for Agawam UNICO when it was chartered in 1962. Other fundraisers for the club include the Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, and the July Chicken Barbeque.

Community Grange Seeks New Members

The time to join the Grange is when the degrees are being conferred by that fraternal organization. Now is the time. If you have been thinking about joining the Grange "sometime," do it now. Contact any member or H. Ellsworth Bostwick, master, 786-4074, or Roberta Cesan, 786-3363, for information about joining this spring class of candidates.

Public card parties are held every Thursday at the Grange Home, 47 North West Street starting promptly at 7:30 p.m. All prizes are groceries and newcomers seem to have a charm to win.

For information, call 786-6172.

Agawam Day In Florida Scheduled For March 5th

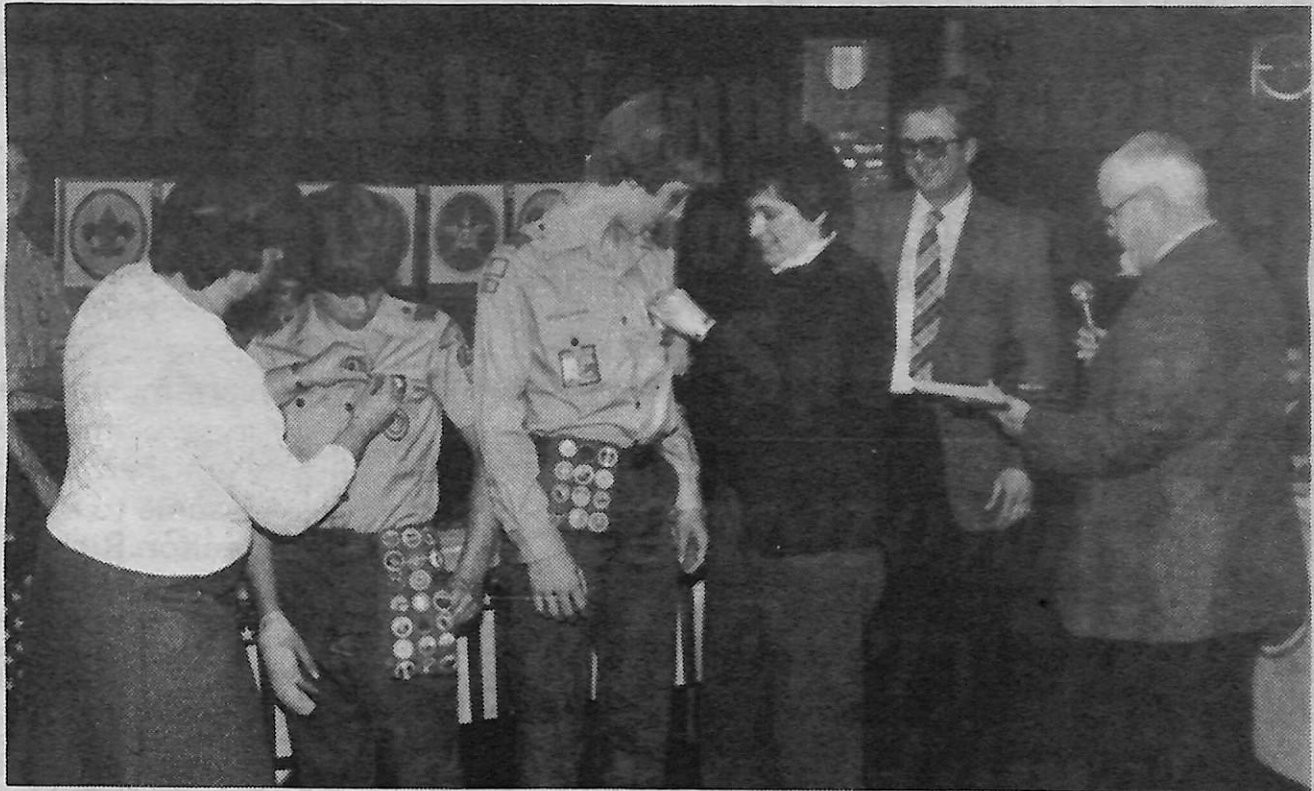
Come one. Come all! The Annual Agawam Day In Florida will be held, Wednesday, March 5th, at Howard Park, Tarpon Springs, Florida.

For more information on this gala day, call Alfred & Evelyn Martel, 1-813-937-0018, West Coast; Ken & Betty Grady, 1-813-938-7521, East Coast; and John & Ruth Chriscola, 1-904-761-1249.

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ON SUNDAY NIGHT, February 2nd, Boy Scout Troop 76, sponsored by St. Theresa's Church, held its 8th Annual Family Banquet. The banquet was held at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills and was in celebration of the 76th anniversary of scouting in America. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Eagle Scout Award, scouting's highest honor, to two young men. The Eagle Scout recipients were Sean Pickton and Chet Wojcik. They were presented the awards by Gene Pike, ranger of the Moses Scout Reservation in Russell. (second photo). Pictured in photo above at the ceremony are, from left - Town Council President Andrew Gallano, Chet Wojcik, State Representative Michael P. Walsh, Sean Pickton, State Senator Linda J. Melconian, and Gene Pike. Sean is the son of Mr. & Mrs. David Raiche of Leonard Street, Agawam. Chet is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Chester Wojcik of Sycamore Terrace. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Irene Canty Has Scrapbook Of Memories

by Laura B. Dugan
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Sharing memories via scrapbooks is a pleasant way to spend a stormy afternoon. That is just what we did recently as we visited Irene Canty in her Meadowbrook Manor apartment where she has lived since 1981.

Irene, who will be 85 next July, was born and grew up in Chicopee, across the street from where Elms College is now located, and was educated in the Chicopee School System.

Musically talented, she studied voice with Mme. Severance and was a soloist for several years at Assumption Church in Chicopee. She also studied piano.

In 1928, after working as a private secretary for several years at the Spaulding Company, Irene Rouillard married Edgar Canty, a member of the Chicopee Fire Department.

They had two children, Edgar, Jr., who now lives in Newton, Massachusetts, and a daughter, Anita, now Mrs. Drewes of Agawam. Edgar has four daughters and a son, the youngest daughter still in high school. The older children have either graduated or are still studying in college.

Anita has two sons. One is a former Peace Corps worker in Africa; the youngest is now married and lives in Hartford. Irene has good reason to be very proud of her children, her seven grandchildren and her great-grandson. They bring her much joy.

"Sand In Our Shoes"

"Ed and I both loved to travel," says Irene. Their vacations included trips to the West Coast, Hawaii, Haiti, Virgin Islands, the Canary Islands — going by ship, train, or plane. They were regular visitors in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for 10 years. Places not so far away from home were enjoyed too, and reached by car.

The highlight of all their travels, however, remains a 1955 trip abroad on the Queen Elizabeth, when they traveled for several weeks in Europe and Great Britain.

Irene has many scrapbooks of their trips but perhaps

her favorite is the one containing those memories of London, Paris, Florence, Venice, Brussels, Rome, and the Vatican, as well as other European cities.

Irene recalls a ship-board romance she and her husband unwittingly initiated when they introduced a young lady who sat at their table to a young man they had just met. The happy ending was the later marriage of the couple who have visited Irene and Ed. They continue to keep in touch.

A Lifetime Of Community Service

When Ed Canty retired from the Chicopee Fire Department he was deputy chief. He had spent a lifetime not only as a fireman, but in many forms of community service, always assisted by Irene.

One of her scrapbooks contains many citations given her husband. A number of years ago, Irene recalls, he worked diligently for some time inventing and perfecting a specific kind of splint for first aid in accident cases. She remembers the hours and hours she put in as the "patient-model" while he made corrections and adjustments to perfect the splint.

However, when he applied for a patent, he was disappointed to learn that someone else had previously patented the device, but it was approved by local doctors and widely used in this area.

A series of falls and broken bones have curtailed Irene's present-day activities and she does not venture out without her walker.

Also, her singing voice was adversely affected by major throat surgery a number of years ago. Although her travelling days are behind her, Irene has never lost her warm personality, her happy smile, nor her love of people.

She goes to the Agawam Senior Center each day for lunch and to visit with friends. And, of course, keeping abreast of all the activities of her active and growing family is a more pleasant pastime.



IRENE CANTY recalled her many trips abroad, including a trip on the Queen Elizabeth, traveling to Europe and Great Britain. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam La Leche League Sponsors Book Sale

The Agawam-West Springfield La Leche League will hold a book sale, Wednesday, February 26th at the home of Sue Kelly, 92 Greystone Avenue, West Springfield.

Books will be sold by A Likely Story.

Come and browse between 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Special "book baskets" will be available for Easter. Call 732-9256 for additional information.

Agawam Band Plans Upcoming Spring Paper Drive

The Agawam Marching Mohawks High School Band needs your support with its upcoming Annual Spring Paper Drive. Your award-winning band is raising funds for transportation to the competition to be held this year in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Please, start now to save your newspapers for the band. The paper drive will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 5th and 6th.

Noble Hospital Schedules Nursing Program On Abuse

A program for nurses on child abuse and neglect will be held at Noble Hospital, Tuesday, February 25th, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the Department of Education.

The program will address procedures for reporting cases of abuse, liabilities and responsibilities of abuse and neglect, and the role of the institution in dealing with these cases.

Guest speakers will be Dr. Edward N. Bailey, director of Ambulatory Pediatric Services at Baystate Medical Center, and Sandra E. Flatow, R.N., C.P.N.P., M.Ed., a pediatric nurse practitioner at Baystate Medical Center.

The program has been approved for three hours in continuing education credits, in accordance with the standards set by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing.

For further information or to register, call the Noble Hospital Department of Education, 568-2811, extension 529.

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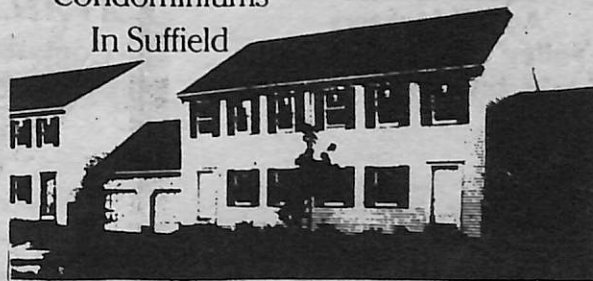
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SHAYS REBELLION - Part II by Marilyn & Dick Curry Town Historians

The Role Of Agawam In Shays Rebellion

It is difficult for those of us today to pass judgement on the two sides of the Shays-led insurgency of 1786. Yet, we must appreciate the feelings of both factions; the recently returned and greatly indebted patriot farmers and the newly established government officials of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Agawam Town Historian Edith LaFrancis aptly describes the situation at this period of time: "The 'haves' were satisfied with the status quo and the 'have nots' rebelled."

To those who had survived the year of the American revolution while maintaining a lifestyle of profit, all was well and good. But what of the many small Yankee farmers who had gone off to fight for their country, leaving behind his wife and family to shift on their own, while the fields went unplanted or unharvested as the family homestead sank quietly into debt?

Following the war, the "haves" would return to some semblance of solid footing from which to gain momentum, while the "have nots" were destined to return to total debt and face imprisonment without a chance for survival.

In his Crisis Papers, citizen Thomas Paine, the fiery revolutionary statesman, may have been too quick in passing literal judgement when he said: "These are the times that try men's souls."

"The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will in crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands for it NOW deserves the love and thanks of man and woman."

Perchance, the author of this now famous paper was referring to those farmers who through necessity must choose their proper time and moment to serve their country during that time of need. Yet in defense of the countless numbers of the summer soldiers, let it be said that without them where might victory have fallen?

Undoubtedly, many were the summer soldiers who returned home following the war only to fall victim to a debt too great to be paid at a moment's notice by order of the state authority.

A Distinct Part Of West Springfield

It must be remembered that at the time of Shays Rebellion, Agawam was a distinct part of West Spr-

ingfield, which has been made a town separate from Springfield in February 1774.

However, almost from the very beginning of European settlement in Western Massachusetts, Agawam seemed destined to be an entity unto itself, being separated from Springfield by the Great Connecticut River, and from West Springfield by the Westfield/Agawam River.

Nonetheless, whatever circumstances befell West Springfield most assuredly were felt within the confines of Agawam and Feeding Hills. In all respects, Agawam as well as West Springfield Proper must have had their share of "haves" and "have nots" during the time period in question.

At least two prominent citizens of Agawam proved quite successful in their attempt as tax collectors. John Porter and Jesse McIntire were veterans of the American Revolution. Having returned home to Agawam and Feeding Hills, respectively, both men proceeded to join a small contingent of tax collectors to, including, and following Shays Rebellion.



To say the least, these collectors had their jobs cut out for them, especially considering the fact that should they fail in their efforts to collect said tax money, they were subject to **foot the bill themselves!**

As a means of encouragement to the collector, their reward for services rendered to the state consisted of a percentage of the monies collected. When one considers the circumstances in terms of what failure might mean to the collector (who had difficulty in raising the appropriate taxes on his list), there seems little doubt these men were quite diligent on the job. What is the old saying? "It's a dirty job, but someone must do it!"

Colonel Samuel Flower Among The "Haves"

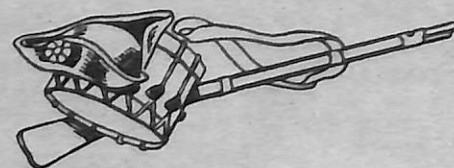
In her history, Mrs. LaFrancis states: "Tax lists given to Colonel Samuel Flower to collect in 1781 and 1782 were collected in full in 1784. In 1783, he collected a

county tax in full. In 1784 and 1785, he turned in part of the money. In 1786 there was little cash and he turned in 'sundry orders and certificates.' In 1787, he collected part of a list of town taxes. In 1788, he settled up all tax matters with the town. In 1789, he collected a county tax in full. His pay was 2½ percent." Obviously, it would

appear Colonel Flower was a most capable collector!

Of course, the Flower family played an interesting role in our town and village's early history and it should not be surprising that one of the Flower family was active during Shays Rebellion!

Although little information can be found at this time concerning Colonel Flower, we were able to ascertain that he was "quite the man."



Everett's History of the Connecticut Valley, Volume II, 1879, states of the Flower family: "The name of Flower is of French origin, taken from the word 'fleur.' Joseph Flower came to this country from England about the year 1700 and settled in Weathersfield, Connecticut, where he married Sarah, daughter of 'Brigadier' Samuel Wright."

"He removed to Feeding Hills in 1751 with eleven children. Colonel Samuel Flower, the third son and eighth child of Joseph, lived on the old homestead, and died here October 28th, 1815."

"He enlisted in the French and Indian War at the age of 16, and was distinguished for daring service and narrow escapes. He also enlisted in the American Revolution as captain of an artillery company, receiving a commission signed by John Hancock, president of Congress, which is now in possession of his family descendants."

"He was aid to General Shepard in the Shays Rebellion, and in the famous fight on Springfield Hill. It was said that he incurred the intense hatred of the Shays men, who made an attempt to capture him at his home, telling his son 'they had a hundred bullets to put into him if he could be found!'"

"He held many prominent positions in the town of West Springfield (see history of that town), and was said to be a man of very commanding appearance, and of almost Herculean mold."

IN NEXT WEEK'S EDITION, local historians Marilyn & Dick Curry will conclude their three-part series on Shays Rebellion!

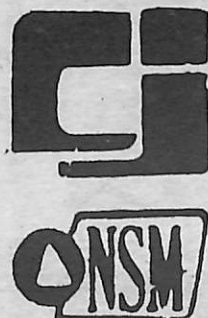
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, February 20th
Card Party
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Sacred Heart Church
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 22nd
Square Dance
Ag. Hi-Lighters
Valley Comm. Church
8:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 2nd
Macaroni & Ziti Supper
Agawam UNICO
Agawam High School
Noontime to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4th
Reunion Committee Meeting
AHS Class of 1961
Da Vinci's Restaurant
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Senior Center Notes

Commodities Distribution

Thursday, February 27th, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Senior Center for yellow card holders; at Sacred Heart Church for white card holders. If you are eligible but have never registered, you may register after 1:00 p.m., February 27th, and receive commodities as available at that time.

Bridge Club for all senior bridge players at the Senior Center. Bridge expert Teri Sedgewick from the Springfield Bridge Club is present on Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to give personal assistance as you play.

A charge of \$3 per person for this instruction is made. Join the club; the center can accommodate many more bridge players.

Drama Club members have been busy with presentations of the show about Medieval Times at Heritage Hall. They also put on a skit for the "Friends of Agawam Senior Center" at the Valentine's Day program. Drama Club meets at the center every Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. (Exception: March 4th).

There is always need for more interested persons to join the club. The next presentation is expected later in the spring.

Don't Forget the lunch program at the center. It is open to all Agawam seniors; is planned for its nutritional value; and is a good place to meet old friends and to make new ones. There is a donation of \$1 and reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Call 786-4000, extension 242.

Also, special "12:30 Programs" are quite often arranged to follow lunch. These programs may be educational or purely for your entertainment, usually lasting no more than an hour.

MEN: Don't miss the March 11th Springfield Culture Trip, a trip designed with you in mind. Whether or not you ever played basketball as a kid, or as a youth, you are bound to find much of interest at the National Basketball Hall of Fame, located right in our back yard in Springfield. Such a visit is included in the senior bus trip on March 11th, with a special reduced admission fee.

Reservations for the trip are still available (seven at presstime). Also included is lunch with choice of capon or scrod at 12 Pyncheon Place, one of downtown Springfield's top restaurants.

After lunch, the group will go to the Museum of Science, a part of Springfield's beautiful Quadrangle group. A deposit of \$11.50 to cover bus and lunch is required with reservation. Admissions to the Hall of Fame and the Museum of Science are \$2 and 50 cents, respectively, to be paid at the door. Total cost of the trip is \$14.50.

We're Looking for three or four more interested persons to join the Discussion Group, "Live, Love, Laugh and Be Happy" at 3:00 p.m., Fridays, with Pearl Puskey, leader.

Friends Of The Agawam Senior Center, Inc.

The 12:30 Program on Valentine's Day, sponsored by "Friends," was a great success. There was a large crowd of interested persons and they learned why "Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, Inc." was formed.

As its name implies, it is made up of people as well as businesses for the purpose of sponsoring fundraising events to benefit Agawam seniors. It will be a financial resource for things the town budget cannot supply. It is non-profit; all money taken in to "Friends" is to be used for seniors. Membership is open to seniors, but "Friends" is especially interested in attracting members of **any age**. Individual membership is \$3 per year; corporate memberships are \$15.

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THE AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB, Chapter I and II, donated \$200 to the "Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, Friday, February 14th. Making the presentation was Louis Sherpa, president of the Golden Age Clubs. Pictured above during the brief ceremony are, from left - Jim Griffin, Viola Smith, Richard Mundo, Vera Conway, Donald McCave, and Scherpa.

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Valentine's Day Program At Senior Center



PARTICIPATING IN A SPECIAL VALENTINE'S DAY PROGRAM at the Agawam Senior Center, are, from left - Lee Petty, Angela Bachelder, Eunice Johnson, and Olive Scorzafaua. Standing - Louise Vogt and Flo Scorzafaua.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

SENIOR CENTER - From Page 11...

Members of the Drama Club entertained with a humorous skit pointing out problems of running the Senior Center and how "Friends" may be a solution to many of them.

The cast was: **Director of the Center**, Flory Scorzafava; **Community Aide**, Lil Doyle; **Council on Aging**, Vera Conway, taken by

Grace Letendre; **Senior Center Ladies**, Lee Petty, Eunice Johnson, Angie Bachelder, and Olive Scorzafava; **Town Council** members, Louise Vogt, Marion Haubenriser, Theresa Andry; Representing "**Friends**," Jim Griffin.

Also speaking for "Friends" was Don McCave. Town Manager Reid Charles was welcomed and extended greetings to the audience.

Local Red Cross Offers Variety Of Classes

The following American Red Cross courses are scheduled for March. Participants must pre-register at the Red Cross during business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All courses will be held at the Red Cross building at 235 Chestnut Street.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR): March 3rd and 5th (Monday and Wednesday), 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$15. March 18th (Tuesday), 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., \$15.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Review: Open to all participants with current CPR certification. March 18th (Tuesday), 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$8.

Multimedia Standard First Aid: March 17th and 19th (Monday and Wednesday), 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$20. March 20th (Thursday), 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., \$20.

Multimedia Standard First Aid Instructor: Participants must be 17 years of age or older and hold current Multimedia First Aid Certification. March 11th (Tuesday), 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., \$19.

Blood Pressure Information Night: Learn the significance of blood pressure, the instruments used in measuring it, and the steps involved. March 4th (Tuesday), 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$5.

Water Safety Instructor:

The Pioneer Valley Chapter, American Red Cross is sponsoring Water Safety Instructor courses at the following organizations. Participants must be 17 years of age or older and hold current Advanced Lifesaving certification.

New North School, Springfield, March 25th to June 3rd (Tuesdays), 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. To register, please call the Springfield Park Department, 781-7550.

Wilbraham Monson Academy, Main Street in Wilbraham, March 3rd to May 26th (Mondays), 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Please register and pay \$21 fee at the Pioneer Valley Chapter, American Red Cross.

Sons Of Norway Lodge Plans February 28th Meeting

Sons of Norway, Neptune Lodge 3-552, will hold its next meeting Friday, February 28th, at 8:00 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield.

All persons of Scandinavian descent or affiliation, or persons interested in Norwegian culture are welcome.

For further information contact Egil Nilsson, social director, 568-1874.

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News, Activities At Heritage Hall...

Broadway Stars Come To Heritage Hall

Talent scouts missed their chance last week when the Agawam Senior Center Drama Club performed their delightful musical comedy, "Medieval Times" at Heritage Hall in Agawam.

Bright gala costumes, witty dialogue, and bursting enthusiasm filled the room as residents waited in anticipation for the next act to begin.

The play's rollicking enveloped its audience as it moved quickly from one scene to the next.

The cast members brought their talents and enthusiasm into the limelights as they illustrated the richness that life has to offer.

Hats off to the cast members of the Agawam Senior Center Drama Club. We wish you a long long run.

Men's Night Out

Watch out ladies! It's men's night! A men's all-building social is looked forward to by the gentlemen residents at Heritage Hall. Refreshments, sport films and interesting conversation are the order of the day.

Family Brunch

Tantalizing aromas and succulent food teased the noses of both residents and their families as they sat down to a family style brunch, Sunday, February 9th, hosted by Heritage Hall.

The residents enjoyed spending a pleasant afternoon visiting with families and friends.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Fowler who celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary on February 11th.

Valentines Sent To Residents

Residents were surprised and delighted with the handmade cards they received from Mrs. Harriet Aspden's first grade class at Robinson Park Elementary School.

The residents would like to extend these cupids a heartfelt thank you and a Happy Valentine's Day.

Special Thanks

Residents can look forward to words of encouragement and spiritual uplift on Monday mornings when Reverend Floyd Bryan conducts Protestant Worship Services for Heritage Hall residents.

Reverend Bryan is from Agawam Congregational Church.

Girl Scout Troop 61 under the leadership of Debbie McCarthy, gathered with the residents to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Homemade cookies and scout-made Valentines were shared with residents as songs were sung and enjoyed by all.

Smiles decorated the room as residents clapped their hands as they sang to the lovely guitar music of the "Music Ministry" sponsored by the Springfield "The Bible Speaks" Congregation.

Under the coordination of Henry & Janice Guillemette, these eight vibrant and dedicated people have been singing their way into the hearts of the residents for the past eight years. This was their first visit for 1986.

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK! Agnes Berry

Agnes Berry originally came from the Springfield area where she graduated from Commerce High School. Following graduation, Ms. Berry went to work for Attorney E. W. Carmen as a legal secretary. To further her education, she decided to attend Framingham State College where she majored in chemistry and nutrition.

Between classes and in her spare time, Ms. Berry was involved in the "Lend-A-Hand" Club and also managed the college book store. After four years of hard work, Ms. Berry graduated with a bachelor's of science and education. She began her professional career teaching a food and nutrition course at Dalton High School.

For the next seven years, Ms. Berry taught at Quincy High School. At this point, Ms. Berry decided to further her career. She worked diligently on a master's degree in education, specializing in guidance counseling. She attended Boston, Cornell, and Vassar Universities, Rhode Island State, and The National Training Laboratories.

Completing her education, she returned to North Quincy High School. After 15 years of teaching classes and managing the cafeteria, Ms. Berry felt she needed a change so she became a professional counselor in the guidance department until her retirement in 1973.

But retirement was not a word in Ms. Berry's vocabulary. It was then she decided to work as an assistant to the research manager of the Department of Pupil Personnel Services until June 1985. Ms. Berry's personal interests include traveling, reading, writing, and outdoor activities.

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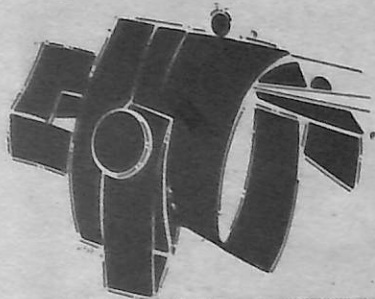
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Spotlight On... BUSINESS



BANCROFT BRIDALS manager Althea Estes helps Laurie Haas try on a wedding gown at the new shop, Saturday, February 15th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BANCROFT BRIDALS is owned and operated by Paul & Paula Delsky of Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

bancroft bridals Opens On Springfield Street

by Laura Dugan
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The only "one-stop" wedding shopping in the Greater Springfield area recently opened in Agawam, *bancroft bridals - weddings unlimited*, is located in an attractive English Tudor dwelling at 225 Springfield Street, across from Sarat Ford. Paul E. and Paula Bancroft Delsky are the owners, Althea Bancroft Estes, formerly with Steiger's Bridal Shop, is manager.

Their slogan, "Say yes...we'll do the rest," aptly describes a new concept for weddings. Frequently, it seems that by the time the wedding ceremony and reception are over, the bride is exhausted and her family is in a state of collapse.

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Valentine's Day Carnations From J.W. Wimpy's



AS IS TRADITION, J.W. Wimpy's Restaurant on Walnut Street Extension presented all of its female patrons on Valentine's Day with a carnation. Wimpy's manager Louise Jackson (right) receives her carnation from waitress Sandra Vanotti and Richard Spencer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



J.W. WIMPY'S WAITRESSES, from left - Kim DeVall, Nancy Brennen, and Lisa Chapin began Valentine's Day on the right foot after being given their carnations, compliments of Wimpy's owner and operator Ernie Lombardi. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

BANCROFT BRIDALS - From Page 14...

Reception/Banquet Facilities

David Rowland is the photographer for formal and candid pictures as well as video, if desired: Chuck Spaulding specializes in arranging for bands and disc jockey, assisted by Laurie Haas. Ms. Haas is also a specialist in arranging for reception/banquet facilities and the many expected and unexpected small details. Gown alterations are included: *bancroft bridals* has their own expert seamstresses.

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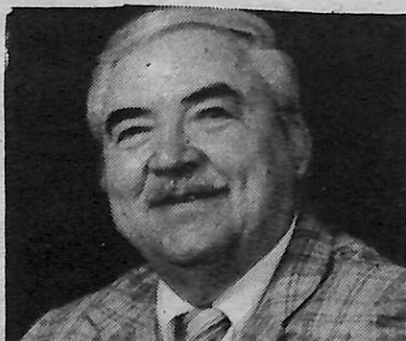
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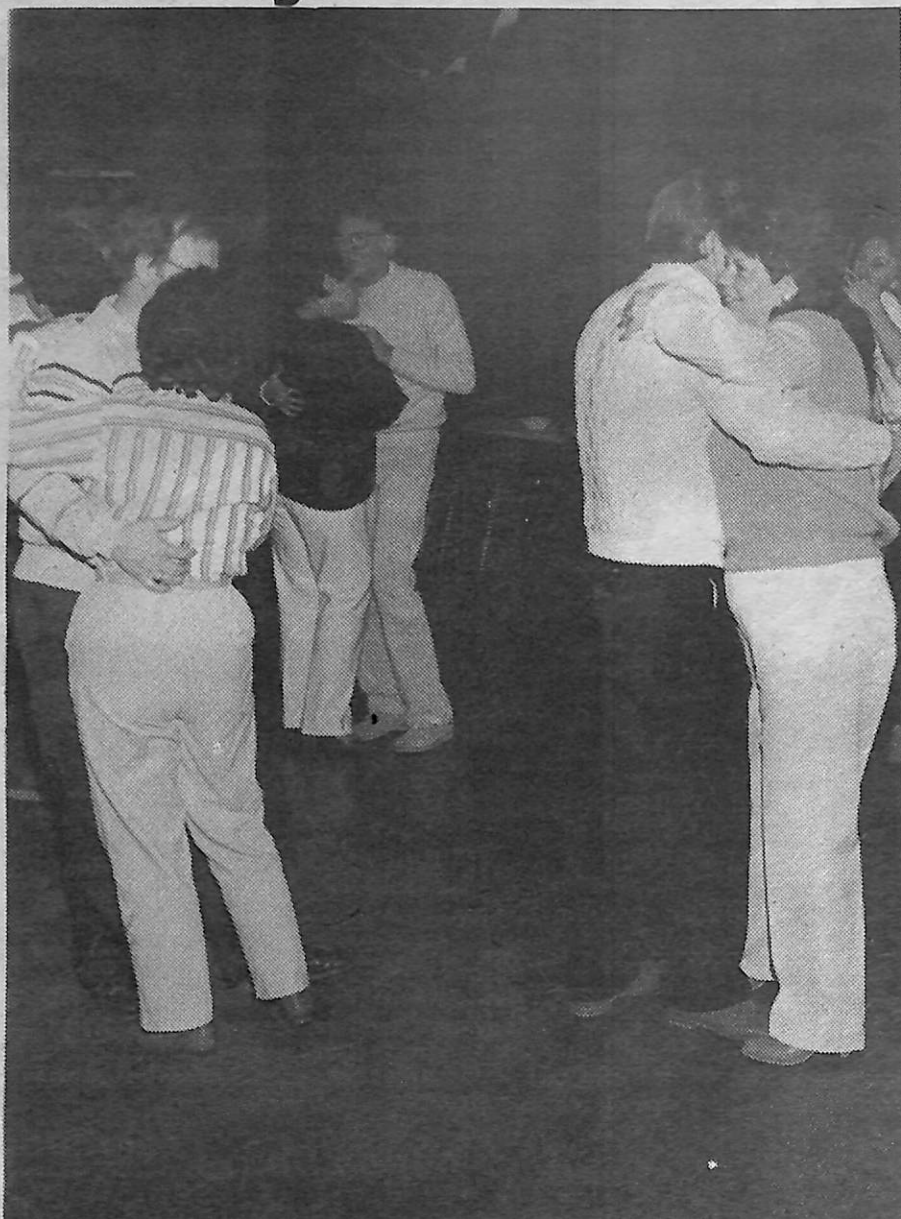
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Fundraising Dance Held By Little League Baseball



ENJOYING THEMSELVES at a fundraising dance, Saturday, February 15th, at the Polish American Club to benefit Agawam Little League Baseball are Roberta Forgues and Debbie Chechile.....



.....THE DANCE FLOOR WAS CROWDED throughout the evening as supporters of Agawam Little League Baseball gathered for a dance/social at the Polish American Club. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Melconian-Walsh To Speak Before Agawam Chamber

Liability insurance, mandated health benefits, and other issues of concern to businesses in the upcoming legislature session will be addressed at a breakfast meeting of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday, February 25th, at 7:30 a.m., at DaVinci's, Feeding Hills.

Guest speakers will be State Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield), chairwoman of the Senate Insurance Committee, and State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) who serves on the House Insurance Committee.

According to program chairman Dr. Katherine M. Schlaffer, reservations may be made by contacting the Chamber office.

Noble Hospital Hosts Adult Support Group

A support group for adults who have elderly parents will meet at Noble Hospital, Monday, February 24th, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the Department of Education.

The group is designed for people who care for their aging parents and for those who have concerns about their parents growing older.

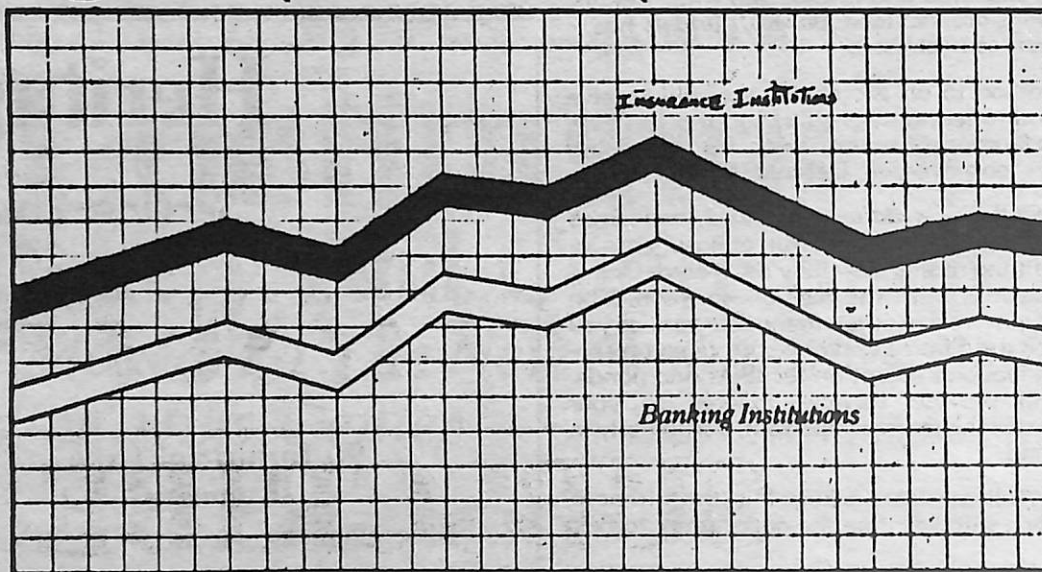
There is no fee for participation in the group, and confidentiality is assured.

For further information, contact Judith Pereira, R.N., M.S., clinical specialist for gerontological nursing, 568-2811.

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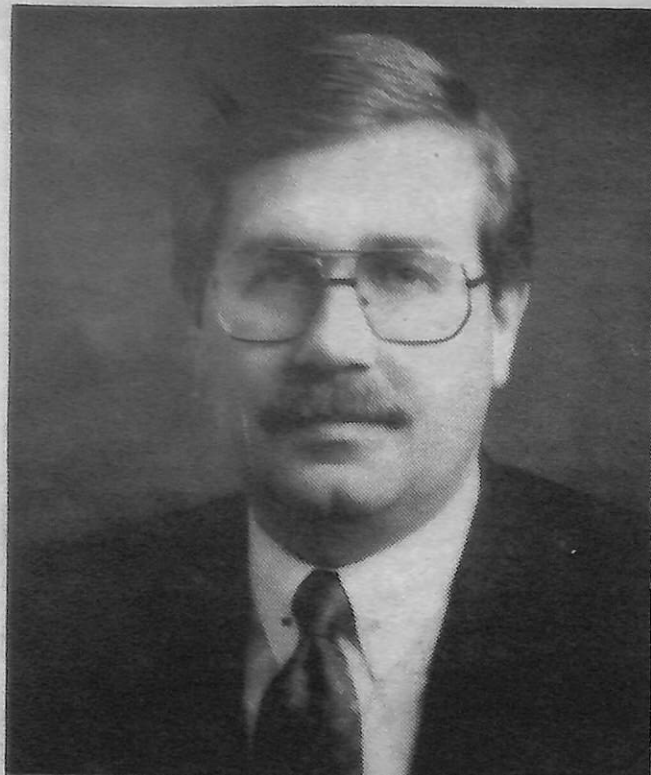
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Robert H. Banspach

Robert H. Banspach Of F.H. Promoted To Bank VP

C.D. Harrington, Jr., president and chief executive officer of Bank of New England-West, recently announced the promotion of Robert H. Banspach to vice president.

Banspach joined the bank in 1979. He is assigned to the Money Desk in the Finance Division. He holds a b.s. degree in business administration from Bryant College and a master's of business administration from Providence College where he was a cum laude graduate.

He is an officer and board member of the American Institute of Banking and a trustee of the West Springfield Boys & Girls Club.

He and his wife, Lorraine, reside in Feeding Hills with their two children, Robbie and Dawn.

FIREWISE...

by Rusty Jenks
Agawam Fire Chief

Electricity...Friend Or Foe

The Agawam Fire Department warns that one of the major causes of fatal home fires is electricity...short circuits, misuse and abuse of appliances and cords top the list. Most Americans would agree that life would be harder without the use of electricity to heat, cool, and light our homes and businesses and to operate our appliances and tools. There are thousands of good uses for electricity, but with the danger of electrical fires ever present, everyone should take precautions and use it wisely.

—Do not overload electrical outlets. It is safe to plug in only as many appliances as the outlet can take directly. Do not use adapters to plug in more. The current may not be able to handle the load. The wires will heat up, starting a fire.

—Use only the correct size fuses in fuse boxes. A 30 amp fuse in place of a 15 amp can start a fire. Never put a penny behind fuses to make them last longer.

—Keep appliance and extension cords in good condition. Heat, old age and abuse can make cords frayed, worn or split. This causes short circuits and enough heat to start a fire. Damaged cords should be replaced, not repaired, unless by an electrician. Wrapping electrical tape around a cord may not repair it. Do not risk your family and your possessions to save the few dollars it would cost to buy a new cord.

—Do not run cords under rugs where people walk, over nails or hooks, through the doorways or windows. Do not put a cord anywhere it might get smashed, cut or split. Once wires are exposed, it is a fire and shock hazard.

—Keep appliances unplugged when not using. Remove by pulling on the plug, not the cord.

—Keep hot electrical appliances and light bulbs away from things that can burn. Use only the correct size bulb. Too large a bulb may give off enough heat to start a fire.

—Feel switch plates and outlets for heat. Contact a licensed electrician if a problem exists.

—Cover unused electrical outlets with plastic safety caps. Save children from disfiguring mouth burns; keep live extension cords out of their reach.

—Buy appliances and cords with the UL (Underwriters Laboratory) or FM (Factory Mutual) label indicating they have been tested for safety.

—Leave air space around appliances such as stereos, televisions, microwaves, etc. to keep them cool.

—Have an electrician rewire your home if it does not have sufficient outlets. The cost you spend will not be near what an electrical fire in your home would cost in money and lives.

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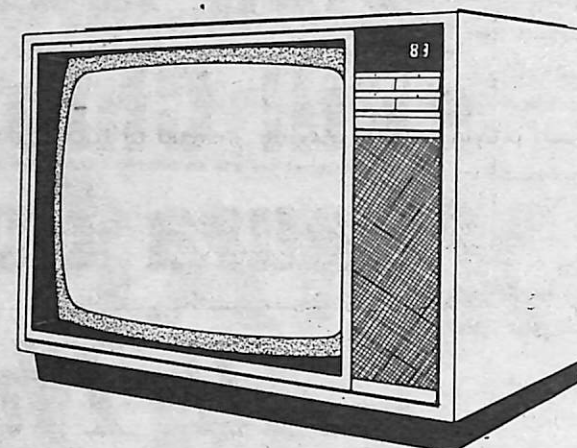
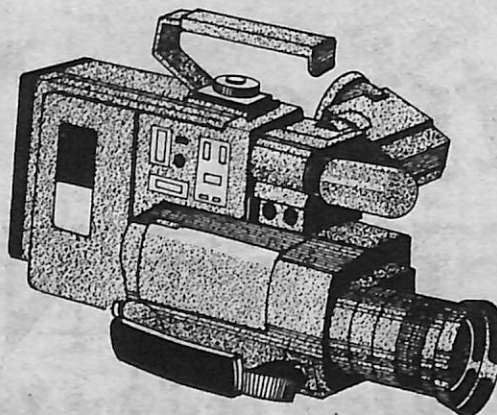
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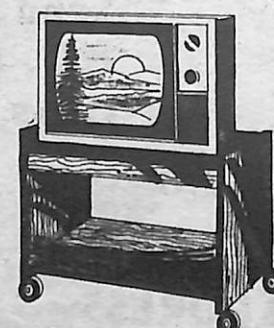


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FROM THE PULPIT

By Rev. Len Cowan
St. David's Church

Holy Lent Begins

"WE INVITE YOU, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word."

Prayer Book, Page 265

As you can tell by my rapidly-developing "parson's pot," and by my rapidly-moving "parson's person," I have a great difficulty doing anything in moderation. I eat with gusto, I move with gusto. What you may not be aware of is that I also diet with gusto and relax with gusto, too.

The problem lies in finding that delicate balance between extremes: finding the measured, appropriate relationship with the various things and activities which surround me.

As Episcopalians and Christians, I'm afraid that this is a problem with many of us. We act as if we're not like certain denominations which harass their members, making them feel that they must deny the things that are good in this world, and so, many of us spend most of the year doing everything we wish to do.

But then, suddenly, during Lent, we do an about-face. We act extremely pious, and make unpleasant plans to "give up" some favorite thing or activity which we've usually indulged in during the rest of the year, and which we will, once again, relish with gusto once the drudgery of Lent is over.

Lent isn't supposed to be the "down" swing of a pendulum that swings out of control the rest of the year. Lent is meant to be a time of **refreshment**, of cleansing, getting our act together, reflecting on what counts and what doesn't count in our life, finding that wonderful balance in our walk with Christ. Now indeed, it may mean "bringing our bodies under subjection," as St. Paul advises, through special disciplines of diet and behavior. It may mean bringing our minds into renewal, as scripture encourages, through concentrated reading and study. It may mean bringing our wills into submission under God, as Christ asks, through praying about our life, instead of racing on from crisis to crisis without much thought as to where our life is going.

Lent should not so much be a time for casting our eyes to the ground, but of lifting our eyes to see where Christ is leading. Whatever Lent should be for you, **don't let it be a drag!** Consider it an excellent opportunity to lift up your soul to Him who is your help, and mine.

Your Brother in Christ,
The Rev. Len Cowan

Local La Leche League Has Important Info

Can mothers who return to work still breastfeed their babies? Based on a recent survey of 567 employed nursing mothers, the answer is a resounding "yes."

The survey, done by Kathleen Auerbach, a sociologist, lactation consultant, and La Leche League leader, asked working mothers about problems they encountered with breastfeeding as well as whether or not they would do it again.

Despite some obstacles, the survey respondents said overwhelmingly that it is possible to breastfeed while working outside the home. Many noted that they would breastfeed again regardless of their employment status.

Most of the problems the women encountered were similar to those shared by mothers who are home with their babies full-time: Fatigue headed the list, followed by problems with finding time to express milk and worry about milk supply. Dr. Auerbach notes that many of these problems can be prevented if a mother is well informed about breastfeeding.

Support for employed breastfeeding mothers is growing, though many of the survey respondents reported negative reactions from co-workers and their own parents or in-laws.

La Leche League meetings are one possible source of both information and support for working breastfeeding mothers, according to Chris Maxim, leader of the Southwick/Westfield/Granville La Leche League Group.

Mothers at group meetings share breastfeeding information as well as ways of coping with the demands of motherhood. Meeting other breastfeeding mothers boosts women's confidence in their ability to nurse their babies. All mothers (expectant ones, too!) and babies are welcome at group meetings.

For more information or for answers to questions about breastfeeding, call Chris, 569-6848 or Suzann, 569-3911.

Three-Day Craft Workshop Sponsored By Museum

A three-day Early American craft workshop for children (ages nine to 12) will be offered Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, February 19th to 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

One hundred and fifty years ago, students had only a few materials to work with at school. Children will learn the skill of sewing pages and finishing with

decorative end pages to make a copy book like those used over a century ago.

Also, children in the 19th century often had toys made out of things found around their house or farmyard. Since most families raised their own corn, corn husks were easy to come by.

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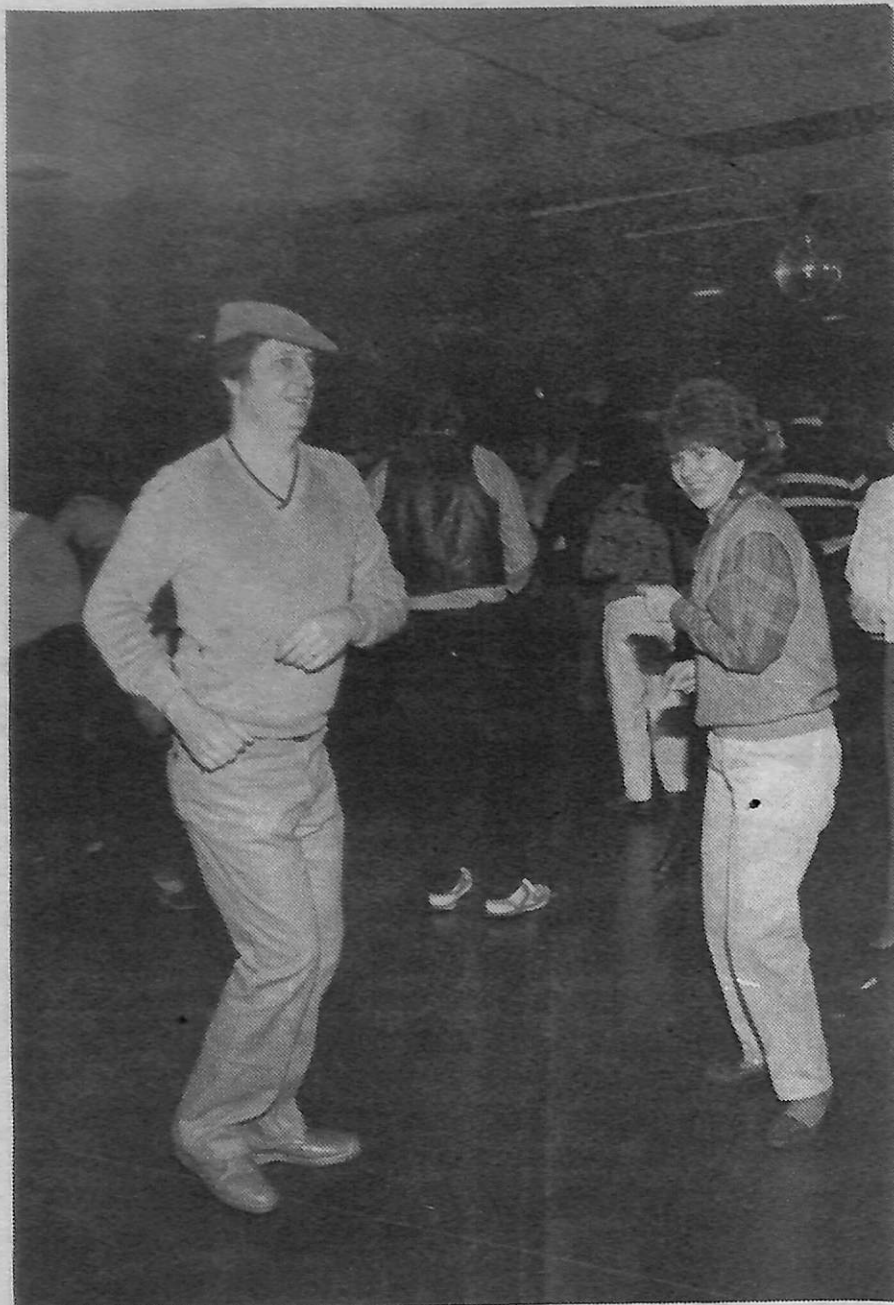
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Junior Women's Club Holds Annual Feb. Dance



ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, at the Polish American Club, members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club sponsored a dance/social to the tunes of a local disc jockey. In photo above, Junior Women members Rosalie Dialessi (left) and Faith Hyland, who were in-charge of the event, collect tickets at the door. In photo left - Bruce Theriaque and Patty Kaboray light-up the dance floor. The fundraising dance drew about 125 people. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

LPN Applicants Being Taken At WMass. Hospital

Applications for September 1986 admission to the practical nursing program at the Western Massachusetts Hospital School for Practical Nurses are being accepted.

The deadline for applications is March 1st.

The program is 46 weeks, which includes a two-week vacation.

The course prepares students to provide basic hands-on nursing care. At its completion and after passing the State Board Examination, graduates become licensed practical nurses in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The school, located on East Mountain Road, Westfield, has graduated almost 1,000 students. Last year, the 35th anniversary of the school, graduates received the highest average score of all Massachusetts schools.

Opportunities for employment of LPNs exist in chronic care facilities, nursing homes, HMOs, medical pools, private duty, and in the community.

Those interested in more information should write Director, Western Massachusetts Hospital School for Practical Nurses, 91 East Mountain Road, Westfield, MA, 01085.

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Agawam Obituaries

Carolyn H. Smart

Agawam: Carolyn H. (Daboll) Smart, 73, of 108 Silver Street, a retired employee of Blue Cross-Blue Shield, died Thursday, February 13th in a local nursing home. Born in Springfield, she had lived in East Longmeadow before moving to Agawam 15 years ago. She leaves her husband, Gordon H. Smart, and a sister, Eleanor Craven of Springfield. The funeral and burial were private. Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home was in charge. Donations may be made to Concerned Citizens for Animals Inc., S.R. 209, Old Westfield Road, Granville, MA 01034.

Clarence E. Bickel

Agawam: Clarence E. Bickel, 78, of 585 South West Street, Feeding Hills, a retired 42-year machinist at the former Van Norman Machine Company, Springfield, died recently in Mercy Hospital, Springfield. He retired in 1972. Born in Bradensburg, Pennsylvania, he lived in Feeding Hills 30 years. He was a member of the Valley Community Church and had done work for the church day-care center. He leaves his wife, the former Berthola McCarthy; a son, Roy of Springfield; three daughters, Dolores Hackett of Sanford, Florida; Martha Oppenheimer of West Suffield, Connecticut; and Joan McGinn of Ludlow; a sister, Marilyn Roy of West Springfield; 11 grandchildren and a great-grandchild. The funeral was Thursday afternoon at Curran-Jones Funeral Home with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Edward McMahon

Agawam: Edward D. McMahon, 82, of 29 Central Street, a retired 10-year car salesman at Beaulieu Chevrolet, Springfield, died Wednesday, February 12th, in Providence Hospital, Holyoke. Born in Warren, he had lived in Agawam 48 years. He previously worked as a salesman for 20 years at Balise Motors Inc., and managed Houghton Motor Sales in Feeding Hills for five years. He retired in 1967. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, where he assisted at funerals and weekday Masses for 30 years. He was also a member of the church's Over 50 Club, and the Agawam Council on Aging. He was a charter member of the Agawam Lions Club and a life member of Lions International. He leaves his wife, Mary E. McMahon; a daughter, Rose Mary Bachand of Amherst; a nephew, Robert Culverhouse of Feeding Hills; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The funeral was Friday morning at the Colonial Funeral Home, Main Street, and in the church with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Donations may be made to Massachusetts Lions Eye Research.

M. Dorothy Mustain

Agawam: M. Dorothy (Rabbeth) Mustain, 72, of 95 North Westfield Street in the Feeding Hills section, died Saturday, February 15th, in Western Massachusetts Hospital, Westfield. Born in Louisville, Kentucky, she lived in the Springfield area many years, moving to Feeding Hills in 1980. She was a member of Agawam United Methodist Church. Her husband, Eugene S. Mustain, died in 1975. She leaves three sons, Lester F. of Feeding Hills, John T. of Agawam and Gene K. of Peach Tree City, Georgia; two brothers, Randolph Rabbeth of Port Gibson, Mississippi, and Kenneth Rabbeth of Louisville; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The funeral was Wednesday morning in the church with burial in West Ridge Cemetery. Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge.

Henry A. Drewnowski

Agawam: Henry A. Drewnowski, 59, of 1028 Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills, a retired 30-year patrolman in the Agawam Police Department, died recently at home.

A lifelong resident of Agawam, he attended Agawam schools and was graduated from Suffield Academy and the Framingham Police Academy.

Before he retired in 1981, he received patrolman's badge Number 1.

He also served as a deputy sheriff in Hampden County.

He was active in sports, and had played semi-professional football for the former Agawam Brownies.

He was a member of the Massachusetts Police Association, the National Police Officers Association, the Massachusetts Electrical Workers Union, and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He was also a member of the Oak Ridge Country Club, and was associated with its management and the

expansion of club facilities.

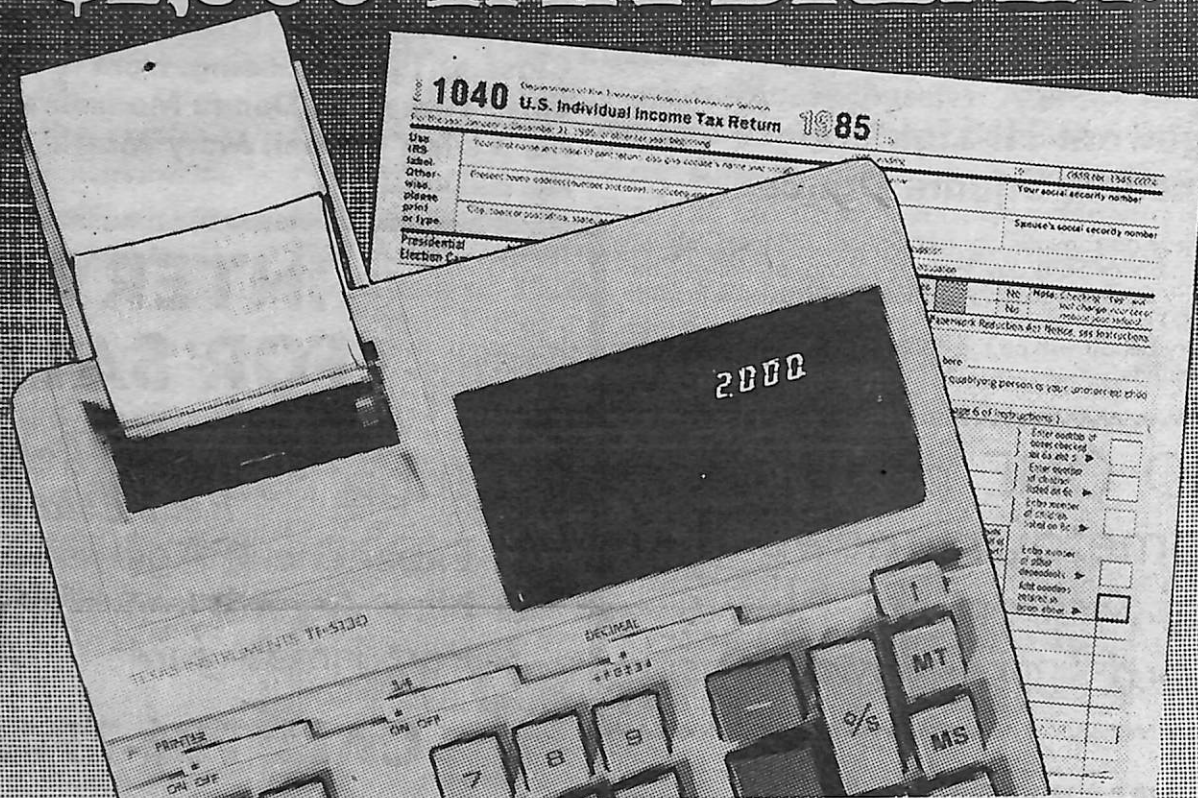
He was a member and past president of the Polish-American Club of Feeding Hills, and served as an officer of the Western Massachusetts and Connecticut Parents Association of the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

He also supported the Agawam Hockey and Football Parents Associations.

He leaves his wife, the former Dorothy Hayes; three sons, Henry A. Jr. of Feeding Hills, Michael W. of West Springfield, and Captain Steven P. Drewnowski, stationed at McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey; four brothers, Bernard and Joseph, both of Feeding Hills, William of Agawam, and Walter of Suffield; four sisters, Anna Lawson of Agawam and Mary Krzykowski, Sophie Rinaldi and Helen Daubitz, all of Feeding Hills; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones Funeral Home in Agawam and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

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AHS Class of 1961 Continues Plans For 25th Reunion

Plans are continuing for the Agawam High School Class of 1961 25th Reunion, to be held at Da Vinci's Restaurant, Feeding Hills, June 28th.

The committee planning this milestone event recently met at Da Vinci's to further organize and plan for the event.

Any member of the Class of 1961 seeking further information in regards to this event may do so by calling Da Vinci's Restaurant, 786-1127. Ask for or leave a message for Marilyn "Mee" DePalma, or write to Da Vinci's, P.O. Box 267, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.

The next committee meeting for this event is Tuesday, March 4th, at 7:30 p.m., at Da Vinci's Restaurant, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. Anyone who would like to help in this effort, is seeking information, or can provide information about classmates is welcome to attend.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society To Meet In Springfield

Members of Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, an international honor society of women educators, will meet Saturday, March 8th, at 10:00 a.m., at the Fort Restaurant in Springfield.

Clara Page of Westfield is president of Chi Chapter. One of the major purposes of women in education is to improve the quality of education by working together.

Dr. Paul Menge and John Cavanaugh will speak on stress management.

Agawam Hi-Lighters Schedule Square Dance

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club will hold a dance Saturday, February 22nd, at Valley Community Church, South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, at 8:00 p.m.

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THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER BEGAN a new series of sewing classes for members of the center, Tuesday, February 18th. From left, sitting - Marion Albano and Carrie DeMaio. Standing, from left - Alice Soden and instructor Lydia Galletti. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

BU Alumni Meet In Holyoke



BOSTON UNIVERSITY HOSTED AN ALUMNI RECEPTION for Western Massachusetts Alumni in Holyoke recently. Pictured above, from left - Allan R. Andrews, BU President John R. Silber, J. Anthony F. DiGore, Agawam resident Geraldine Schilling Nordal (right), art department chairwoman at Agawam High (BU Class of 1956), and her husband, Reidar Nordal.

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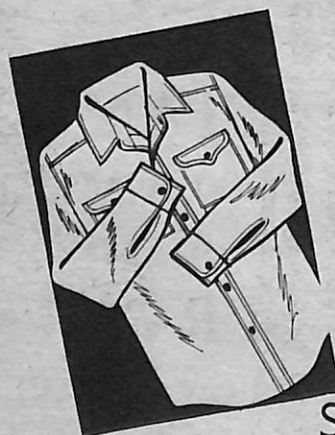
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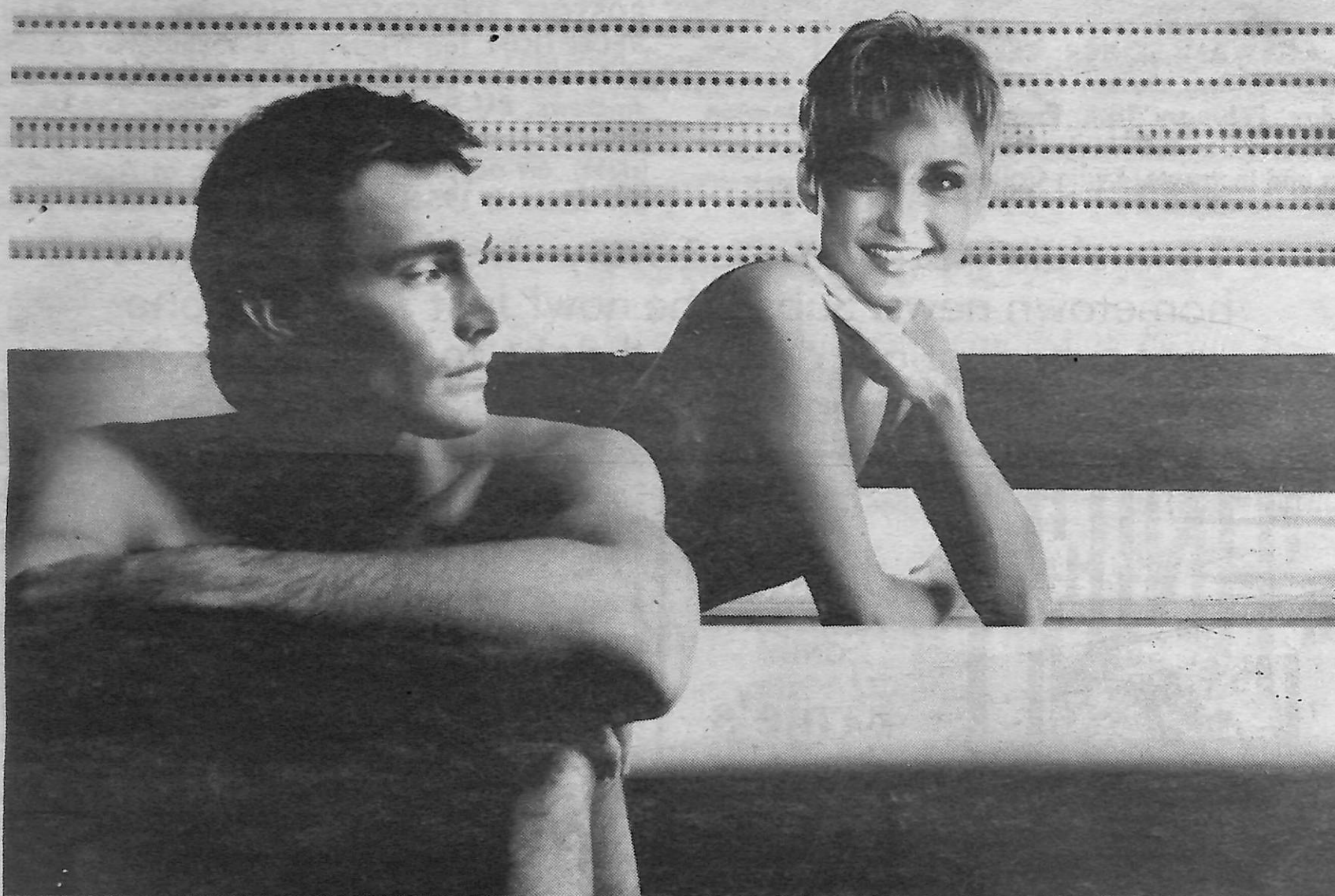
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10 YEAR-OLD JAMIE GIORDANO poses with some of her friends while displaying candy-filled heart given to her by her teacher, Vincent Valentine. The fourth grade teacher was TV-22's first Valentine's Day contest winner due to a letter submitted by Jamie. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PROUD PARENTS ROY & JEAN GIORDANO with their daughter, Jamie, whose prize-winning letter won "Valentine of the Year" honors for teacher Vincent Valentine at Robinson Park School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Vincent Valentine TV-22's "Valentine of the Year"

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than to be named "Valentine of the Year."

That special honor was recently bestowed upon Robinson Park School fourth grade teacher Vincent Valentine by WWLP Channel 22 Television as part of their first Valentine's Day contest.

Recognizing the important role teachers play in children's lives, the local television station asked students to submit letters of 25 words or less stating why their teacher deserved to be named "Valentine of the Year."

Both a male and female teacher would be chosen with the winners receiving a red heart-shaped box of chocolates as well as televised publicity.

Valentine's name was selected as one of the winners from a letter submitted by 10 year-old student Jamie Giordano.

that her letter was a winner.

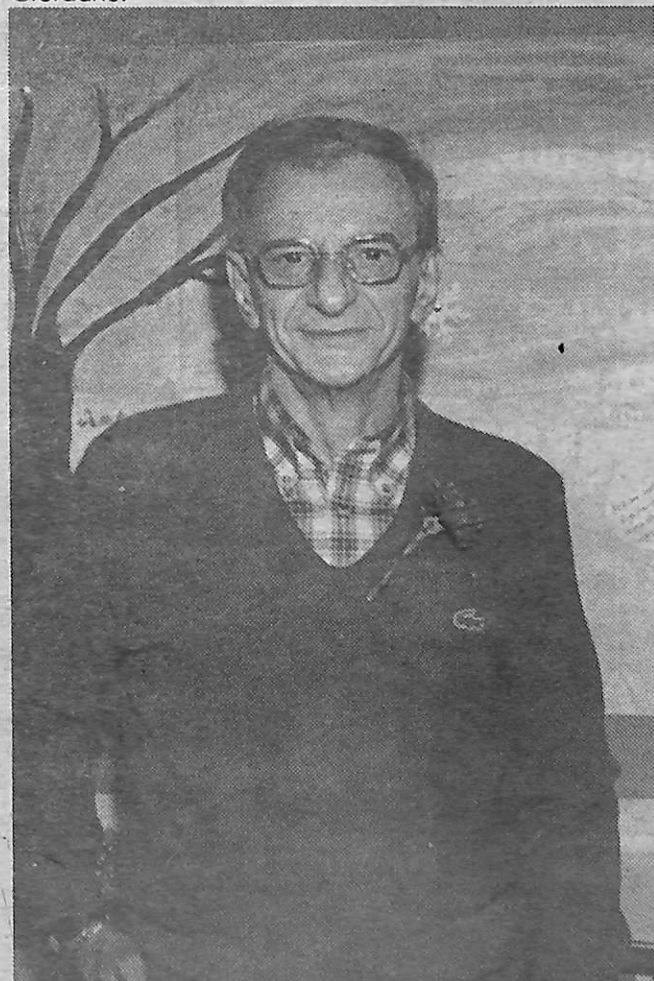
"Mr. Valentine was called down to the office for a telephone call. When he got back, he told us to start cleaning the room because he had been selected "Valentine of the Year" and Channel 22 would be coming the next day to film the class," recalls Jamie.

"I had no idea that Jamie had submitted my name in

the contest. Besides being flattered, the element of surprise was perhaps the nicest thing of all," remarks Valentine.

On Thursday, February 13th, Channel 22 camera crews arrived at the elementary school to film a very excited and cooperative classroom of 28 students.

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LONGTIME ROBINSON PARK TEACHER VINCENT VALENTINE was named "Valentine of the Year" by TV-22. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

In her letter, the petite fourth grader not only described her teacher as "sweet as sugar candy" but also as possessing a "very special and appropriate name."

Both Jamie and her teacher were shocked to discover

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Thursday, February 27th: Oven roasted turkey, gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered diced carrots, wheat bread and butter, cranberry sauce, white cake with cherry topping, milk.

Friday, February 28th: 1/2 tuna salad sandwich, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich, oven roast potatoes, raw vegetable sticks, peanut butter cookies, milk.

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Later that evening, Valentine, Jamie, and the entire class were seen by viewers on the station's six o'clock news program.

The spunky fourth grader states that although she was somewhat nervous, she enjoyed being interviewed for the television cameras and would like to appear on television again.

Both Jamie and her teacher note that this was the first contest either of them has ever won. However, Jamie says that this win has helped her to gain confidence and she will probably enter other contests in the future.

In appreciation of her letter, Valentine presented Jamie with her own red heart-shaped box of chocolates.

The daughter of Roy and Jean Giordano, Jamie resides with her parents and sisters, Joanne, 17, and Jessica, 14, on Robin Lane, Feeding Hills.

When not busy at school, she enjoys ice skating, gymnastics, ballet, and playing with her cat "Puff."

Jamie, whose favorite subject is spelling, relates that this is the first year she has ever had a male teacher. She is hopeful, however, of being assigned another next year.

"Mr. Valentine's personality is what makes him so nice and special. Even though he's strict, he's fair. I'll miss him a lot," she says.

H.A.P.P.E. Committee Now At Middle School



THE HANDICAP AWARENESS PROGRAM PROMOTING EDUCATION (H.A.P.P.E.) Committee brought their townwide project to the Agawam Middle School last week. Pictured above are Middle School Principal Ralph Zavarella, PTO President Rene Piccoli, students Carrie Piccoli and Kim Nacewicz, and PTO member Dee Nacewicz. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Barbara Wojciechowski Named To STCC Dean's List

Barbara Wojciechowski of 17 Deering Street, Agawam, has been named to the Dean's List at Springfield Technical Community College.

Miss Wojciechowski's 3.65 average allowed her to be recognized with the above average academic honor in which a student must achieve a 3.3 grade or above with no grade lower than a C.

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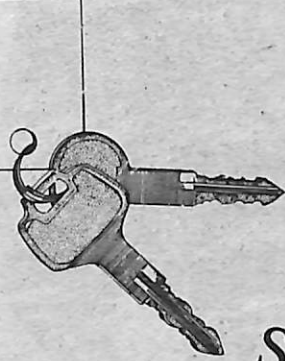
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Dance Held For Middle School Students



ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH at the Agawam Middle School, the school year's second dance was held for the students. Pictured above participating in the fun are Sarah Humiston and Carl Davis, and Amy Hauser and Brett Boskiewicz. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

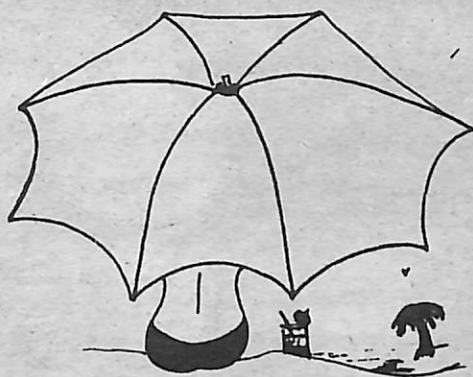


LOCAL DISC JOCKEY EDDIE GRIMALDI (left) discusses his equipment with middle school students Colleen Nofall, Felicia Circosta, and Lisa Lemay at the school's dance, Friday, February 14th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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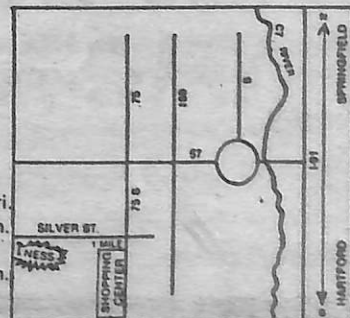
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Parent Appreciation Held At Granger

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

"Fathers are handsome, funny, strong, fair, tall, lovable, trustworthy, and athletic."

"Mothers are sensible, delicate, organized, creative, beautiful, huggable, stylish, and understanding."

The above were just a few of the complimentary sentiments expressed by students in grades K-5 at Granger School during the first "Parent Appreciation Night," Tuesday, February 11th.

Developed by the school's Adelphi team as a means of promoting parental appreciation and the family unit, the 60-minute social event correlated with the schoolwide celebration of Valentine's Day.

"Parents We Love You" signs and posters decorated the school hallways while individual classrooms displayed bulletin boards adorned with "We Love You Because" and "We Appreciate You Because" student letters.

First grade teacher and Adelphi team member Phyllis Lewis points out that in the past, projects have taken place which have focused on making both students and faculty members feel good about themselves.

"We felt that it was time parents were also made to feel good about themselves. As in the past, the project was a schoolwide effort which included everyone associated with the building," she remarks.

Mrs. Lewis explains that students were asked to bring their parents or other significant persons as well as their brothers and sisters to the social open house which featured individual classroom activities. Among these were skits, stories, songs, and poetry recitations.

Faculty members were also encouraged to bring their own children to the evening celebration as a further reinforcement of the family unit.

Mrs. Lewis relates that, in preparation for Parent Appreciation Night, school music teacher Sylvia Starkie taught students special songs, while school art teacher Marjorie Sherman helped them construct a variety of love-oriented art projects.

Moreover, the school cafeteria staff prepared special valentine-shaped cookies which were shared in the classrooms by students and their parents.

School principal James Loomis states that he was very pleased with the enormous response from both parents and faculty members.

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GRANGER SCHOOL STUDENTS read how they appreciate their parents at special Parents Appreciation Night, Tuesday, February 11th, at the school. The program was part of the Adelphi program aimed at promoting the family unit. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

STCC Posts Dean's List For Fall Semester

Local residents who have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 1985 semester at Springfield Technical Community College were announced today by Dean of Student Services William M. Manzi.

The Dean's List is published each semester to recognize above-average academic performance. Students carrying a course load of 12 or more semester hours, who achieve a quality point average of 3.3 or above, are placed on the Dean's List.

Agawam residents named to the STCC Dean's List

include Linda Desmarais, Thaddeus Dubek, Scott Henderson, Mary O'Connor Hume, Ellen Kelley, Kellie Kubik, Michael O'Connor, Wayne Porcello, Giuseppin Scuderi, Lea-Ann Sibilia, Lynne Silloway, Beth Smethurst, Karen White, and Barbara Wojciechowski.

Feeding Hills residents named to the STCC Dean's List include Heidi Bisceglia, Victoria Dietz, Donald Eagan, Lori Jury, Joann Klundt, Alana Larrivee, Annamarie Mason, Susan Nestor, Richard Robie, Joan Shevey, and Juanita Vanasse.

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"Red Letter Day" Observed At Robinson Park School

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Besides being Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14th was "Red Letter Day" for students in grades K-5 at Robinson Park School.

The color red, as well as letters of kindness, were the two main aspects of the day-long celebration which was initiated by the school's Adelphi team as a means of promoting school spirit.

Foster Good Feelings

Fifth grade teacher Andrew Bower explains that besides desiring another theme day, team members wanted to develop a project which would foster good feelings among students, faculty, and staff members.

Consequently, students not only were asked to wear red attire, but also to write something nice about one child and one adult at school. Letters, which could be written in standard form or on heart-shaped paper valentines, would be distributed in the afternoon during each classroom's Valentine's Day party.

As the focal point of the project, a bigger-than-life size red paper heart was attached to the wall of the school's main foyer with a large letter addressed to "Someone Special At Robinson Park School" adorning its center.

Displayed a week prior to "Red Letter Day," the enormous valentine was also decorated with heart-shaped letters of kindness composed by students to fellow schoolmates and adults.

Bower points out that each classroom donated one message to be placed on the heart which will remain in the foyer until the end of the month.

The Adelphi team member relates that a positive unforeseen result of the project was the institution of a "scribe tribe."

Since kindergarten students were unable to write

their own letters of kindness, fifth grade students were recruited to write letters dictated to them by the five-year-olds.

The resulting interaction between the school's youngest and oldest students was so positive that kindergarten teachers have requested the fifth graders' services for future creative writing projects.

Bower states that, as true with past Adelphi projects, "Red Letter Day" incorporated the aid of everyone associated with Robinson Park School.

School cafeteria workers donned red aprons while custodians wore red carnations.

Flowers Presented By Brownies

Moreover, the school's Brownie troop joined in the celebration by presenting handmade red silk rose and heart corsages to the female faculty and red carnation boutonnieres to the male faculty.

As a special treat, the Parent Teacher Organization members presented each of the school's 458 students with chocolate candy hearts and mechanical pencils.

Bower reports that "Red Letter Day" was a huge success which may become an annual event.

"It was wonderful to see students, who don't normally talk to one another, writing letters of kindness to each other. It was also amazing to read the strange subjects on which they would compliment each other.

"Besides being successful, we believe the project was a positive means of incorporating creative writing skills into a theme day," he states.

Jill,

I'm sure glad you're my friend. You're beautiful, casual, fancy, at all the same time. I like you very much and will always like you

because you're my best pal.

Friends forever,
Sue

Nancy (Crash),

You are a very nice girl. I like you a lot because you have a great personality and a good sense of humor. It seems like everyday you come into this classroom your face always has a smile on it. We'll have a great Valentine's Day.

Your friend,
Sheri

Dear Sheri,

You are a sweet, generous, intelligent, kind, nice, and pretty girl.

Your friend,
Sarah

Dear Kim,

I hope you have a happy Valentine's Day and Amy, too. You are a good friend and you are pretty. I hope we can be friends for a long time. Happy Valentine's Day.

Love,
Becky

AIC Names Students To Dean's List

American International College named 352 students to the Dean's List for the fall 1985 semester. Students who qualified for the Dean's List are full-time undergraduates with a grade point average of at least 9.0 out of a possible 12 points.

The Dean's List at AIC is issued by the deans of the schools of arts and sciences, business administration, and psychology and education, as well as by the director of the division of nursing.

Agawam residents are: **School of Arts & Sciences:** Debra A. Beauregard of 15 Lawnwood Street and Marion L. Margosiak of 22 Oxford Street.

School of Business Administration: Joy R. Brouwer of 96 Peros Drive, Frank S. Cardaropoli of 33 Peros Drive, Edward J. Mutti of 142 High Street, Susanna Santaniello of 31 Barn Road, Mark A. Sessions of 29 Porter Drive, and Thomas J. Vogel of 119 North Street.

School of Psychology & Nursing: Jane A. Burgess of 38 Roberta Circle, and Cynthia A. Silva of 462 Cooper Street.

Division of Nursing: Jodi E. Anderson, 38 Rawley Street, and Michelle M. St. Pierre of 220 Leonard Street. Feeding Hills residents are: **School of Arts & Sciences:** Geraldine C. Bussolari of 339 Poplar Street, Jacqueline C. Bussolari of 339 Poplar Street, and Chafica Yacteen of 74 Bessbrook Street.

School of Psychology & Education: Jeanne A. Juzba of 32 Horsham Place, Anthony W. Kunasek of 64 Day Street, and Sophia A. Maynard of 38 Brookline Avenue.

Teachers Of Pre-Schoolers Invited To Westfield State

Teachers of children ages pre-school through seven years are invited to attend a conference at Westfield State College, March 18th and 19th.

On March 18th, keynote speaker Dr. Louise Bates Ames will present a talk entitled "What Will the Future Be For the Young Children?", at 7:00 p.m.

A seminar conducted by Westfield State's Dr. Robert Saisi on "Building Your Own Self Image" will follow the talk. The talk and seminar will be held in Dever auditorium.

On March 19th, the conference begins at 8:45 a.m., with a series of workshops, panels, an informal round table discussion, and a buffet. Workshop topics include math, influence of play, multi-cultural designs, learning activities, science, sexism in the classroom, language, and drama.

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writing, and more. Exhibits will be on display throughout the day.

Phyllis Halloran will deliver a concluding address on "Literature as the Heart of Reading" on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

Registration must be made in advance before Monday, February 24th. There is a fee. Contact Barbara Holland, department of education, Westfield State College, 568-3311.

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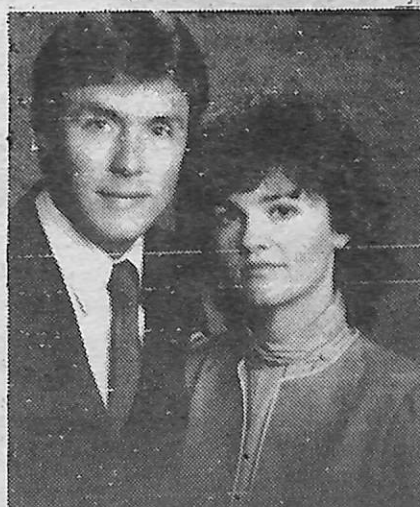
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By welcoming a young person from a different society or culture into your home, you can learn first-hand about the world we live in.

AFS provides support for every student and family through its local chapter - in this case, Agawam AFS. There are currently more than 2,300 chapters throughout the United States. AFS headquarters in New York and a nationwide network of staff and volunteers work closely with each chapter to make sure that the AFS experience is a time of growth and discovery for all participants.

As a host family, you will provide food and lodging for your "son" or "daughter." AFS pays for your student's transportation as well as covering any medical costs he or she may incur during the year. AFS also provides a modest monthly allowance for each student to cover incidental personal expenses, and the Agawam AFS does cover some expenses for the students.

Families Come From All Walks Of Life

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PARENT NIGHT - From Page 28...

"Approximately 80 percent of our student body, which numbers 500, attended the celebration with their parents. Staff participation was fantastic. We hope to see Parent Appreciation Night become our third informal open house," he comments.

Besides the student body which was visibly excited, parents appeared emotionally moved by the outward

display of affection and appreciation.

"This evening is a great idea. It's always nice to see parents become involved with their children's school. It also feels very nice to be appreciated," states parent Lydia McBride, whose son Bryan is a fifth grader.

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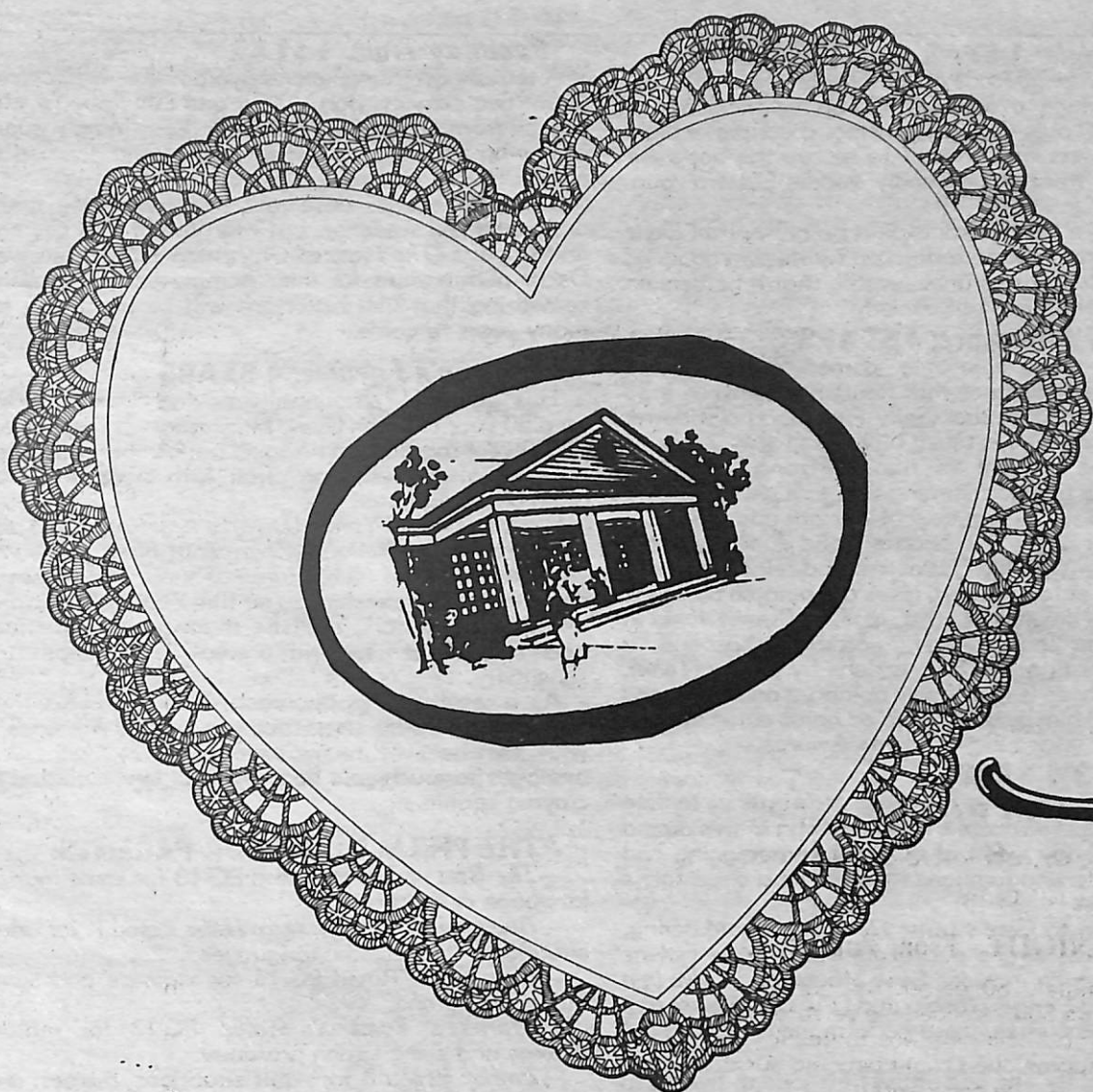
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PHILM REVIEW

by Phil Benoit
Entertainment Editor

-The Best of Times: 1 STAR

Robin Williams and Kurt Russell star as a couple of sad sacks who reunite the members of their high-school football team in order to play a rematch against the school which defeated them over a decade ago.

The Best of Times is a lifeless and woefully predictable comedy that features some of Williams's (*Moscow on the Hudson*) worst acting to date. His character is supposed to be an extremely mild-mannered individual, yet he delivers an unrestrained and clownish performance that is totally inappropriate and lacks the least amount of credibility.

Fortunately, Russell (*The Mean Season*) and the rest of the cast fare much better with their roles, thereby adding a certain amount of quality to an otherwise bad movie.

-Down and Out in Beverly Hills: 2 STARS

Based on the 1932 Jean Renoir *Boudu Saved From Drowning*, this film tells the story of a skid-row bum (Nick Nolte) who enters the world of a wealthy Beverly Hills couple (Richard Dreyfuss and Bette Midler) and adds much excitement to their chic yet dreary lives.

Though it is being hailed as an outstanding comedy by many critics, *Down and Out in Beverly Hills* is, to me, a mildly amusing but flawed picture. In his attempt to poke fun at ultra-rich Californian culture, director Paul Mazursky (*Moscow on the Hudson*) employs subtle, down-to-earth satire and outrageous farce simultaneously.

Consequently, the movie has an inconsistent tone that derives from a plot which contains an erratic mixture of humorously plausible and ridiculously preposterous elements.

-Iron Eagle: 1 STAR

A dopey, *Ramboesque* adventure for the adolescent crowd, in which a teenager (Jason Gedrick) and a retired pilot (Louis Gossett, Jr.) steal a couple of high-tech fighter jets and attempt to rescue the boy's Air Force father from an unfriendly Middle Eastern country.

While it is a fast-paced, exciting picture, *Iron Eagle* has a story which is too farfetched for its own good. At times, the film gets so unbelievable that it borders on becoming an out-and-out comedy.

-Murphy's Romance: 4 STARS

An immensely enjoyable comedy-drama which focuses on the romance that flourishes between a 33-year-old divorced mother (Sally Field) and a widower (James Garner) who is much older than she.

Set in the present in rural Arizona, *Murphy's Romance* is a folksy, charming film that depicts small-town living with a great deal of warmth and affection. But, most of all, it is a heartfelt and superbly acted story about true-to-life characters and relationships.

Field (*Places in the Heart*) gives a top-notch portrayal of the young divorced mother, as does Brian Kerwin in the role of her shifty, good-for-nothing ex-husband.

The best acting, however, is done by Garner (*Tank*). His performance is thoroughly poignant and witty, and it has earned him a much-deserved nomination for Best Actor at the upcoming Academy Awards.

-Power: 2½ STARS

Richard Gere delivers his finest performance to date as an unscrupulous public relations man in this drama about the shady world of political campaigning and the PR people who form and manipulate a candidate's public image.

In addition to Gere's (*King David*) first-rate acting, *Power* features strong portrayals from the rest of its solid cast, which includes Gene Hackman (*Twice in a Lifetime*) and Denzel Washington (TV's *St. Elsewhere*). In and of themselves, these performances deserve a 4 STAR rating.

Unfortunately, the rest of the film fails to live up to the quality of the cast's efforts. Director Sidney Lumet (*The Verdict*) burdens the plot with too many characters and subplots, and this problem makes the picture difficult to follow and weakens much of the story's emotional impact.

-Runaway Train: 1 STAR

A terribly overrated — and overacted — melodrama about two convicts (Jon Voight and Eric Roberts) who escape from an Alaskan prison and unwittingly board a moving train that is out of control and doomed to crash.

This movie does deserve credit for having much action-packed suspense, but why Voight (*The Champ*) and Roberts (*The Pope of Greenwich Village*) received Oscar nominations for their hammy performances is something that film historians will be pondering for many years to come.

-Twice in a Lifetime: 4 STARS

This powerful, emotionally-moving drama centers on a 50-year-old man (Gene Hackman) who endangers his 30-year marriage to his loyal but somber wife (Ellen Burstyn) when he has an affair with a widowed barmaid (Ann-Margaret).

Directed by Bud Yorkin (*Divorce American Style*) and written by Colin Welland (*Chariots of Fire*), *Twice in a Lifetime* takes an all-too-familiar topic and makes it seem new and refreshing. The film deals with marital infidelity in a stark, realistic manner that examines each side of the issue with a great deal of depth and sensitivity.

As a result of this approach, Yorkin and Welland provide a gripping story that echoes real life and — with the help of many excellent performances — manages to touch your heart without ever resorting to cloying sentiment.

*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

—*The Best of Times*: Rated PG-13 for some mature language and situations.

—*Down and Out in Beverly Hills*: Rated R for adult situations, themes, and languages.

—*Iron Eagle*: Rated PG-13 for violence and some mature language.

—*Murphy's Romance*: Rated PG-13 for mature themes and some strong profanity.

—*Power*: Rated R for adult situations, themes, and language.

—*Runaway Train*: Rated R for intense violence and profanity.

—*Twice in a Lifetime*: Rated R for the adult nature of its conflicts and dialogue.

International Women's Day At Museum Of Fine Arts In Springfield

Celebrate International Women's Day at the Museum of Fine Arts! Women Are Artists, Too! will be held March 9th, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., at the Museum of Fine Arts, located on the Quadrangle in Springfield.

The **Something Every Sunday** programs are free of charge to the public thanks to support from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, a state agency.

Meet Colleen Hayward, from South Hadley, whose works are on exhibit at the museum through March 23rd. She created an environment specifically for the gallery. After helping you understand her total environment she will let you rearrange its parts on a blank wall.

Encounter two women artists from the past! American artist Georgia O'Keefe will tell you about her life and work, and Anna Boch, whose portrait by Belgian artist Theo Van Rysselberghe hangs in the galleries, will spring to life.

Sheryl Stoodley, an actress from Northampton, will develop a series of theatre activities around Georgia O'Keefe and Anna Boch, whom you have just met.

Claire O'Brien, invaluable museum docent, will lead some fun studio activities, and five exciting films about women artists will be continually shown!

Georgia O'Keefe talks about her work, her marriage to photographer Alfred Stieglitz, and how the nature of New Mexico — mountains, desert, flowers, shells, stone, and bone — inspired her paintings.

Mary Cassatt: *Impressionist from Philadelphia* hails

the only American artist to exhibit in four major Impressionist shows in Paris.

Quilts in Women's Lives provides insight into this art as quiltmakers describe their craft and discuss challenges of design.

Artist Was A Woman surveys women artists from

1550-1950. Narrated by Jane Alexander, this film includes commentary by Germaine Greer and art historians Linda Nochlin and Ann Sutherland Harris.

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Springfld. Symphony Hosts Guest Conductor

Christopher Lyndon Gee will make his U.S. debut as guest conductor with solo pianist Marcantonio Barone and the Springfield Symphony Orchestra at Symphony Hall, Saturday, February 22nd, at 8:00 p.m. Gee is one of the four candidates for the position of music-director at the Springfield Symphony Orchestra.

The program, which is the third of the four guest conductor appearances, includes Tchaikovsky's "Hamlet," **Overture-Fantasy after Shakespeare, Op. 67a**, Rachmaninoff's **Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini for Piano and Orchestra, Op. 43**, and Beethoven's **Symphony No. 3 in E-flat major, Op. 55, "Eroica."**

Born and educated in England, Gee served as music director of the Telford Sinfonia and the Welwyn Garden City Symphony Orchestra and Chorus.

In Italy he was awarded a prestigious Italian Government scholarship, enabling him to study conducting in Rome with Franco Ferrara. He was assistant conductor at La Scala (with Bruno Maderna) and with the RAI Symphony Orchestras in Milan and Turin.

In Australia he conducted all the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's orchestras and the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. In 1982, he conducted the acclaimed staged performances of Xenakis' recreation of the "Oresteia."

Among his other musical credits is the composition of the score for the dance and theater work, "Il Poeta muore," and the conducting of the Australian premiere of Rachmaninoff's "The Bells" with Melbourne Choral.

Gee has been a Boston Symphony Orchestra Fellow

at Tanglewood, studying with Leonard Bernstein, and in 1982, again at Tanglewood, acting as conducting assistant to Seiji Ozawa in "Fidelio" with Hildegard Behrens and James McCracken, and also assisting in "Oedipus Rex."

Solo pianist Barone has given many concerto performances with orchestras including the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, the Orquesta Sinfonica de Maricao, and the Main Line Symphony Orchestra.

His recent recital appearances include Carnegie Recital Hall, the Ravina Festival, the Peabody Conservatory of Music, and the Curtis Institute of Music.

For the past three years, he has performed in the Mozart on the Square Festival in Philadelphia.

Barone is pianist and artistic administrator of the Bryn Mawr Chamber Music Society, and is on the piano faculty at the Bryn Mawr Conservatory of Music.

The February 22nd performance was made possible by the Springfield Newspapers.

Raymond Harvey, the fourth candidate for the Springfield Orchestra Association's music director search, will conduct the Springfield Orchestra and soprano Ruth Golden, in Symphony Hall on Tuesday, February 25th, at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets for the February 22nd and 25th concerts are on sale at the Springfield Civic Center Box Office and all New England DATATIX locations. Phone Charge: 787-6600 or 1-800-243-4842. Tickets are priced between \$6 and \$18 and can be purchased at Symphony Hall on the night of the performance beginning at 6:00 p.m.

American Antiques Program At Museum

The fascinating world of American antiques and auctions will be explored under the experienced guidance of Bruce Smebakken, auctioneer with Amherst Auction Gallery, during a four-week course beginning Thursday, March 6th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Learn the styles and technology of furniture, metals, and decorative arts produced between 1620 and 1900. Topics will include how to detect repairs and forgeries, how to buy at auctions, and how to properly care for antique treasures.

By taking advantage of an expert's knowledge, you'll learn what to look for in antique furniture, metals, and glass and how to become a more discriminating buyer or collector.

For registration and further information please contact the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, 732-3080.

This event is part of the Springfield Library and Museums Association's on-going celebration of the city of Springfield's 350th anniversary. For information on other 350th events, call 413-739-3871.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

The historical museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield, and is a member of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.

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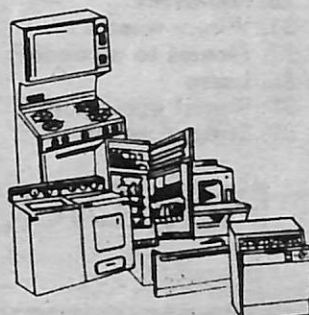
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76. Session with spirits

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84. Tear

85. Fastener

87. Put on a happy face

89. Foray

91. Slippery one in Paris

92. Floral lane?

94. Marry in haste

96. TV notation

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99. "Sing —"

101. Oater

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104. Ms. Doone

105. Ladies of Madrid

106. Hair lock

107. Leg joints

108. Observes
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2. Lofty peak

3. Superlative ending

4. Fountain and Rose

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35. Lasso

37. Rental agreement

39. Street scenes?
41. Bare

43. Printing measures

45. Agreements of importance

46. Hoodwinks

48. Chamfer

49. Reaches across

50. Certain reeds

51. Make do with again

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53. Certain gdn.

54. C&W singer Buck

55. Day's march

56. Erases, to a printer

58. Wait on
59. College notables

62. Word with windshield

63. One of Santa's own

65. Casts a ballot

66. Metallic noise

68. Put aside

70. Mer in Le Mer

72. City street

73. What one does with age

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75. — for a rainy day

76. Dirty

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Agawam Public Library Receives Arts Grant From State For Local Exhibitors

The Agawam Public Library has received an art lottery grant from the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council and is now accepting applications from Agawam artists for display of their work in the library gallery.

Exhibits of the selected artists will be displayed in the library gallery every six to eight weeks, con-

cluding with a special showing from each of the artists.

Lottery grant funds will be used to purchase a number of pieces from the exhibits for the Agawam Public Library's circulating art collection. These pieces will be chosen by a panel of judges.

The project, entitled

"Agawam Presents Art," will feature fine art based on originality, workmanship, and technique. The director of this project is Beverly B. Secondo.

Applications and further information may be obtained at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, or by calling the library, 789-1550.

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"Something Every Sunday" At Springfield Art Museum

"Something Every Sunday" presents three weeks of **Tall Tales and Fabulous Fables**, February 23rd, March 2nd (Dr. Seuss's 82nd birthday!) and March 23rd at the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., in Springfield.

These programs for families have been tailored to animate and expand upon the fantasyland of "The Wonderful World of Dr. Seuss" exhibit of preparatory sketches and drawings, on view through March 30th.

Held weekly at the Springfield art museums, "Something Every Sunday" is made possible with support from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, a state agency.

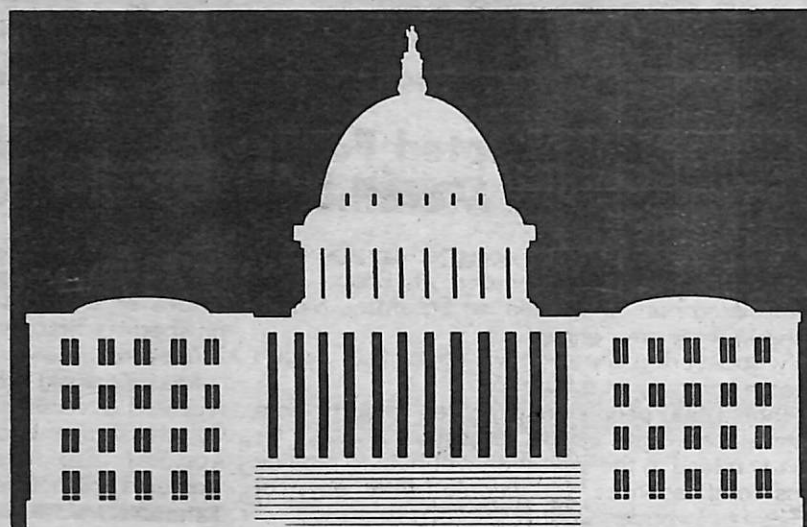
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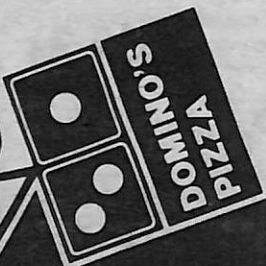
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Registrations Accepted For WHYN Volleyball Marathon

Registrations are still being accepted for the Fifth Annual Hampden County Century 21 Easter Seal Volleyball Marathon to be held on Saturday, March 1st, at the Wilbraham Tennis Club.

Locally sponsoring the event is 56 WHYN Radio, whose team will play at 6:00 p.m.

More than 1,500 people are expected to participate in the marathon — the world's largest.

All funds raised in the marathon will help to provide programs and services for people with physical disabilities in Hampden County.

Top fundraising teams will appear on the Easter Seal Telethon which will be broadcast over WWLP-TV 22 on March 8th and 9th.

Anyone interested in registering a team or volunteering to assist at the marathon is urged to call 734-6434 or 1-800-922-8290, 24 hours a day. Volleyball experience is not required.

The Massachusetts Easter Seal Society provides services to more than 10,000 children and adults with physical disabilities. These services include: rehabilitation therapy, therapeutic recreation, and stroke clubs.

In addition, Easter Seal Home Care provides nursing, therapy, and home health aide services to people in their homes.

Maria Kozloski Earns Soccer Letter From MIT

Junior Maria Kozloski of 102 Meadow Street, Agawam, was a member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology women's soccer team which finished its first season of varsity competition with a 7-7 record.

Miss Kozloski played forward for the Engineers and received a varsity letter for her efforts, according to Coach Shawn Ladda. A mathematics major, Miss Kozloski also is a starting outfielder on the MIT women's softball team.

Trans Am Pace Car Again Top Prize At Riverside Speedway

Gene Murphy, Riverside Park Speedway director, in association with the "King of Beers," Budweiser and Williams Distributing, will once again give away a new 1986 special edition Trans Am Pace Car.

The car, valued at \$18,000 is loaded with options and will be referred to as the "Budweiser Light Machine." This promotional vehicle will be used at all Nascar Winston Racing Series events at Riverside, including 10 special Budweiser Light Events worth \$13,000 in Bonus Heat Money.

The car is part of a complete promotional package that was assembled by Riverside Speedway's Ben Dodge Jr., promotional manager. It features several bonuses for the competitors and race fans.

Riverside's White Trans Am Bud Light Machine will be used at all functions, such as auto shows, trade shows, parades, and openings for Williams Distributing and Budweiser Promotions in all forms of advertisement.

The speedway will also add several new billboards and receive first class exposure from the speedway's promotional department.

The most exciting news is that just like the last Budweiser Pace Car, the new Budweiser Light Trans Am will be given away in 1986. Some lucky race fan will go home with the impressive machine.

Dodge will be the official operator of the Trans Am and will display it from Maine to Florida at several major race events. The Budweiser Light Machine will carry the Riverside Speedway Logo and all the Nascar Winston logos.

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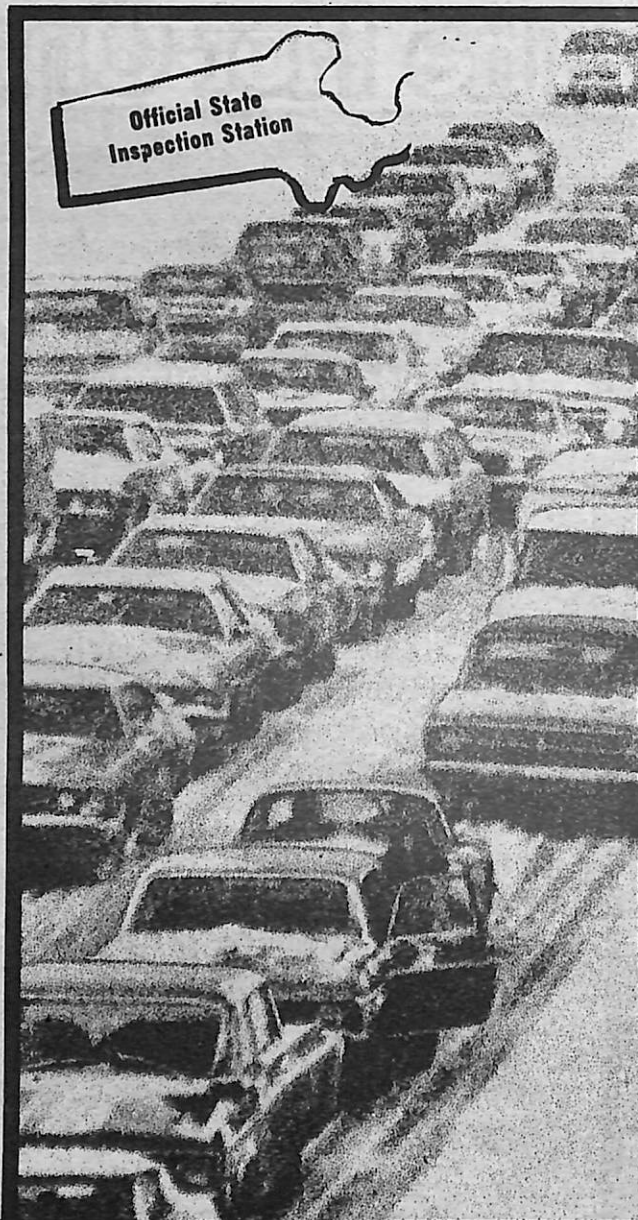
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SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

by Bill Chiba

State Board To Hold Hearing

The Massachusetts F&W Board will meet, Friday, February 28th. On the agenda at the field headquarters in Westboro will be several issues. Slated to start at 1:30 p.m., the meeting will be the board's monthly regular meeting.

Usual proceedings will be interrupted briefly at 3:00 p.m., when the board will recess to hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the regulations governing the propagation and maintenance of birds, mammals, amphibians, and reptiles.

Specifically, the proposals would prohibit the possession of wild animals as pets; would establish standards for the issuance of licenses to artificially stuff animals; would firmly establish standards for the proper care and maintenance of animals being propagated; and would define permissible possession of animals for educational and scientific licensing purposes.

New Massachusetts Wildlife

Known for over 25 years as an outstanding publication of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, *Massachusetts Wildlife*, has traditionally been issued without charge, but the number of "subscriptions" was limited by the printing fund available out of the Inland Fish and Game Fund.

In recent years, however, increased public interest in wildlife boosted the number of readers requesting the magazine. By 1980, the publication was being sent on request to 40,000 households.

Last year, the Legislature cleared the way for Massachusetts Wildlife to move to a subscription basis, making it possible to provide the magazine to all who want it.

Subscriptions may be sent to Massachusetts Wildlife, Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Field Headquarters, Westboro, Massachusetts, 01581.

Sportsmen's Show

OUTDOOR NORTHEAST Fishing & Sportsmen's Show, the largest pure sportsmen's show in the east, will be March 5th to 9th, at the Better Living Center of the Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield.

The show, considered by experts and sportsmen alike as the most complete, offers fresh and salt water fishing gear and expertise, black powder, archery trapping and related sports, and will also feature several championship competitions which will bring the top sportsmen in the East together.

The major fishing tackle manufacturers will participate along with those offering guide services, fresh and salt water charters, lodge owners, canoe tripping, backpacking, white water rafting, and about every service and adventure offered to a sportsman.

Four Teams Off To Fast Tri-Parish Start

Four teams were off and running after the opening week of bowling in Round Three of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League at the Agawam Bowl.

St. Michael, Fordham, Boston College, and Holy Cross all swept their opening round matches with four wins. St. Mike's holds first place due to best team pinfall.

St. Mike's blasted Villanova, four wins to none. Villanova was supposed to rise from the ashes to glory this round, however, the ashes still cover the Lordly Barber after week one. St. Mike's winners were many: PAULINE DEPALO (266), GINNY BENJAMIN (311), and a huge 358 tossed by former Agawam High football hero PAUL DEZIELLE. This score broke the previous Men's Class Division B total pinfall record of 355, held by MIKE O'CONNELL, JR.

Villanova's FRANK "The Lordly Barber" RESCIGNO did roll well with a 327 in a losing effort to Dezielle, and anchorman STEVE ROVITHIS fired a 349 outdueling St. Mike's captain MIKE O'CONNELL (323). It was a fine match but St. Mike's had too much firepower for Villanova to handle.

Second place Fordham took out many frustrations on Round Two winner Georgetown. Fordham winners were JOE RESCIGNO (295), JANICE MOCCIO (293), and captain ANN O'CONNELL (344). Ann had a 139 for one string. She defeated AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO (333), who didn't look too upset over the loss. Al is still draped in banners over his Second Round title. Another winner for G-Town was substitute BOBBY TASSINARI with a solid 318.

Round One winner Boston College began Round Three with a bang as it destroyed everyone's patsy,

Catholic University. BC winners were PAT RESCIGNO (277), SANDY PRZESZLO (a fine 320), and captain BOBBY MOCCIO (a leisurely 314). The lone CU winner was STEP STEPANIAN (284).

In another clean sweep, Holy Cross, the surprise team of the 1985-86 rolling season, continues to impress. They laid waste to Loyola. HC winners were LAURIE SNYDER (281), ERNIE BLAIR (319 including a 137 single string), and captain STU STORK (325). Storkie just defeated Loyola's much-beleagured captain, EDDIE ANDERSON (325). The lone Loyola winner was MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (271).

Notre Dame took 3½ wins from disheartened St. Anselm, the team who should have won Round Two but watched it slip away in the final weeks to Georgetown. ND winners were PEG TASSINARI (267) and ESTHER DEPALO (319, a good win over KATHY PRZESZLO-302). St. A's winners were hard-firing RAY BARBIERI, the Round Two runnerup for MVP (300), and captain VI MASSOIA, 317-312 over ND captain JOHN RESCIGNO. Vi, however, is pretty upset about her team's fortunes, or rather, lack of them.

In the final match of the night, St. Louis, the defending grand champions who are the early favorite to win Round Three, took three wins from St. Mary's. St. Lou winners were STELLA BARBIERI (285), FELIX PEPPER (a sound 331), and MIKE O'CONNELL JR. (320). The only St. Mary's winner was its superb captain, FRED MORASSI (358). Fred, however, just defeated hot St. Lou captain DEBBIE POIRIER (345). Debbie continues to lead the women with a 106 average. She is receiving fine support from her teammates. Watch out for St. Lou, indeed!

Special Early Practice Planned At Riverside

If you are a competitor in the Nascar Winston Racing Series at Riverside Park Speedway, in the Modifieds, Pro Stocks or Street Stocks, then you are invited to come to a special early practice session at Riverside. (Date to be announced in March).

The practice session will begin at 12:00 noon and is designed to give competitors the chance to try and see the results of a year's worth of work on the cars at the race track. Before competing, all drivers must have a valid 1986 Nascar license. The cars must conform to all mandatory safety rules and 1986 Nascar rules.

Riverside's first race program at the new track will be during the evening of March 29th. Gates will open at 5:00 p.m., with admission priced at \$6.95 for adults and 95 cents for children, eight years and under. Pit fees for all race events will be just \$6 for adults that are Nascar members. Two free passes for the main grands-

tand will be given to each competing car.

The first event will be the Eagle Snacks 100, with a purse for both divisions to exceed \$10,000. The Modified Division will pay \$1,600 for first; \$1,100 for second; third, \$900; fourth, \$675; and fifth, \$525. A minimum of \$200 is offered for any car starting the feature. The 340 Bonus is also in effect and will pay additional money of \$160 for the first 340; \$115, second; and \$75, third.

Joining the Modifieds will be the Street Stock Division in a 20-lap feature event. First for the Streets will be \$225; \$175, second; \$145, third; fourth, \$130; and fifth, \$110.

For a free schedule, copy of the rules and more, write Riverside Park Speedway, P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA, 01001.

West Springfield Rec. Dept. Sponsors Aerobic Program

Just in time for spring, the West Springfield Recreation Department will sponsor a four-week aerobic exercise program for persons 18 years or older.

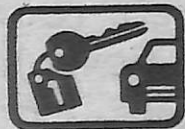
Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., beginning March 17th and concluding April 9th, at the Mittineague

School.

The cost for the eight classes is \$22 per person, payable at the time of registration.

Pre-registration is required and may be made either in person or by mail, to the West Springfield Recreation Department, 26 Central Street, 01089.

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AAA 7th-8th Grade Hoop Qualifies

For the first time in its three-year history, the Agawam Athletic Association's boys' 7th-8th grade Suburban Basketball League team has made the playoffs. After an 10-4 start, it looked grim for the locals but hard work has brought the AAA entry to a third place spot in the Suburban League's Eastern Division.

In a thrilling, 57-55 win over West Springfield, the league's first place team, Shawn Smith's basket with two seconds left proved to be the difference.

With the game tied at 55-55, only 11 seconds remained in regulation time. Smith (12 points) took the ball the length of the floor and scored on a driving layup, a la Magic Johnson, bringing the AAA to the victory.

There were good contributions spaced all through the lineup with John Regish leading the scoring parade with 14. Joe Modzelewski added 10 points and many rebounds. Also making important contributions were Matty Kibby (7), and Mike Wright and Todd Hyland with six points each (off the bench).

Coach John Hyland considered the game the turning point of the season. "It really showed that this team could play in this league and win against an outstanding team," said Hyland.

In the AAA's next game, however, Northampton found the hoop early and often, destroying the locals,

58-36. It was just one of those nights when nothing went right. Joe Modzelewski, Mike Morassi, Matt Gibby, and John Regish led the team in scoring.

Against Southampton, Monday, February 10th, the locals needed a victory to clinch third place in the league. In what Hyland described as the season's best team effort, Agawam prevailed easily, 70-53. Joe Modzelewski led the locals with 17 points and the ever-improving Gibby had 15 points. Hyland said it was Gibby's best game of the season.

Shawn Pirnie pitched in off the bench with rebounds and good defense, while Hyland and Mike Wright also came off the pines to spark the attack.

In the final game of the season against the Holyoke Raiders, the locals won easily, 68-35. The starting five gave its usual good contributions while Mike Pellegrino, Chris Corgan, John Battista, Bryan Connery, Brett Boskiewicz, David Kozel, and Scott Anderson all scored points and playing a solid role in the victory.

The team has a week-off before the playoffs begin March 1st. They are presently tuning-up for the tourney by participating in the Wilbraham Invitational Tournament. Ludlow is the AAA's opening round foe.

AAA Basketball STANDINGS

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Collegian Court	2-5
F.H. Pharmacy	2-5
Pioneer Valley Auto Parts	0-7

Boys 10-12	
Polish Club	7-0
Grimaldi & Burzduk	6-1
McCarthy Tile	3-4
Westfield Savings Bank	3-4
Agawam Advertiser News	1-6
Casa Di Lisa Ristorante	1-6

Boys 13-15	
Polish Club	7-0
Provin Mountain Farms	6-1
Lunden Construction	4-3
Aldrich Insurance	2-5
Collins Construction	2-5
Preston Trucking Co.	0-7

Girls 8-11	
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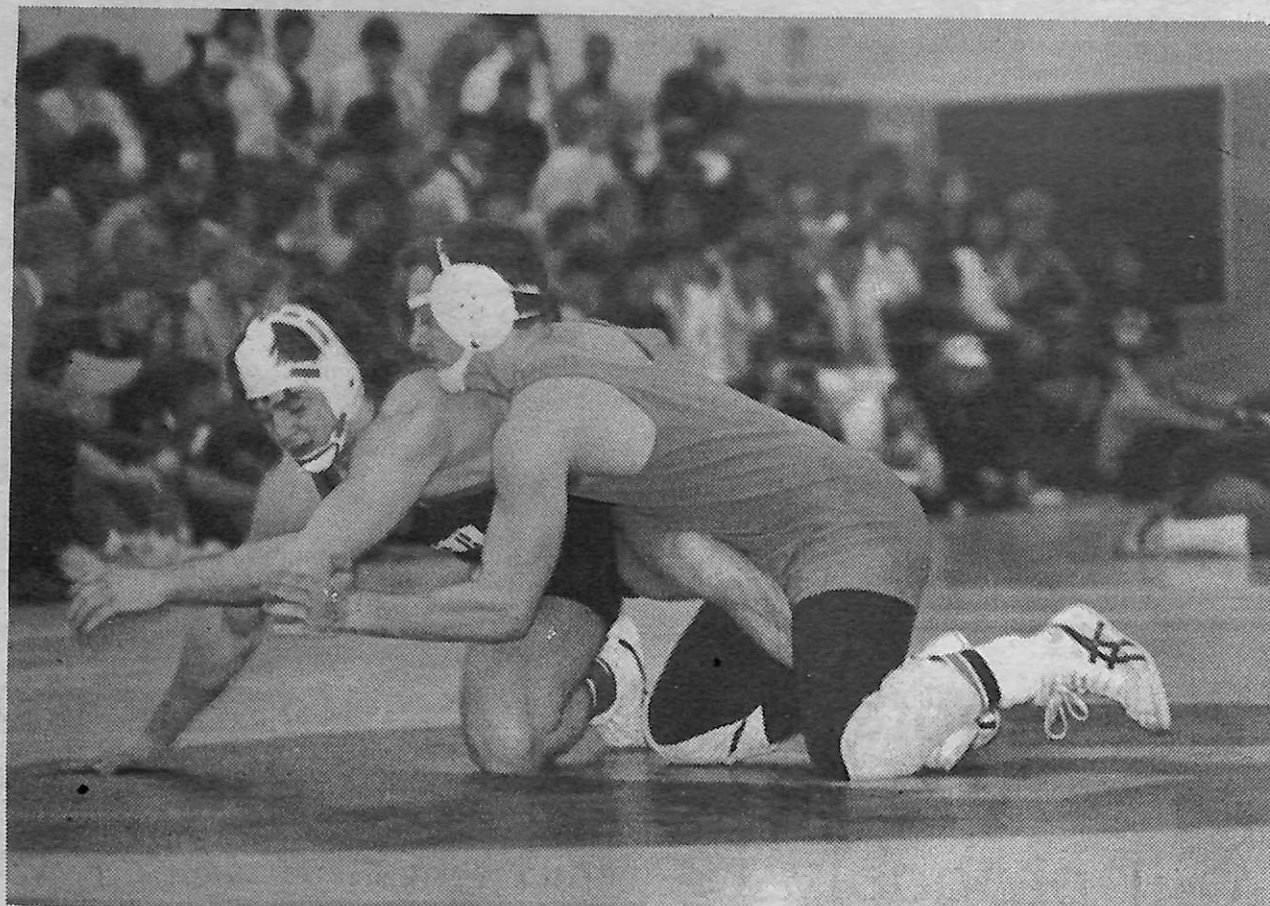
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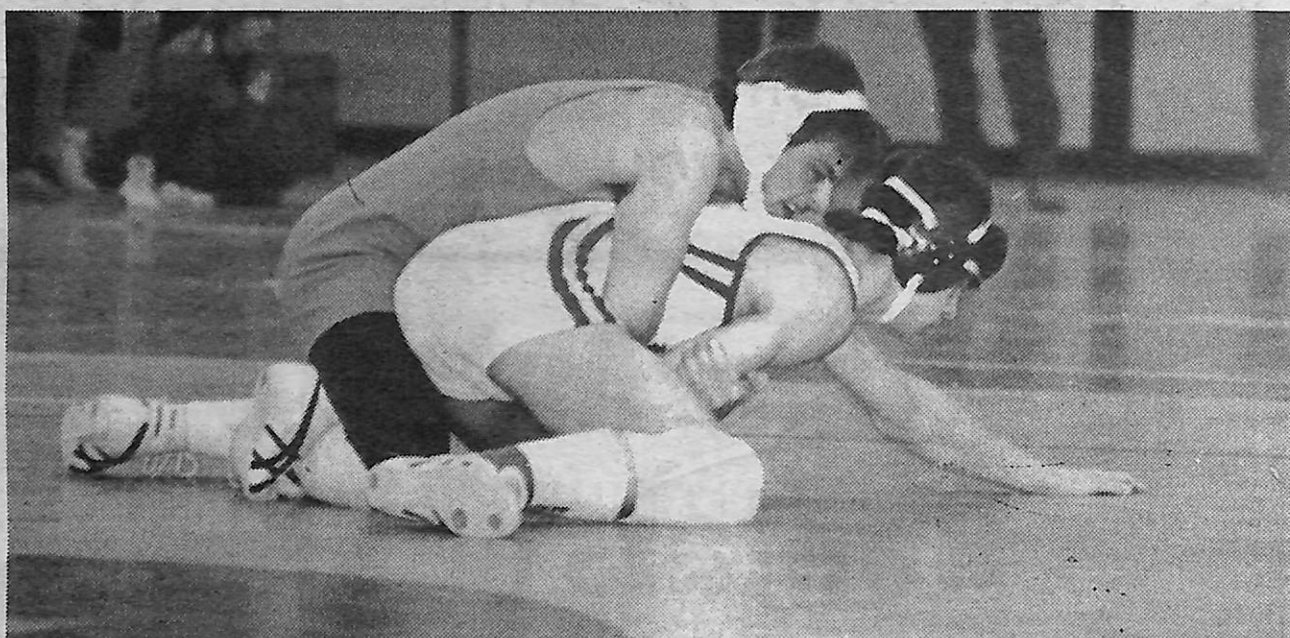
AHS Matmen Again Place Second At Western Mass. Division I Tourney...



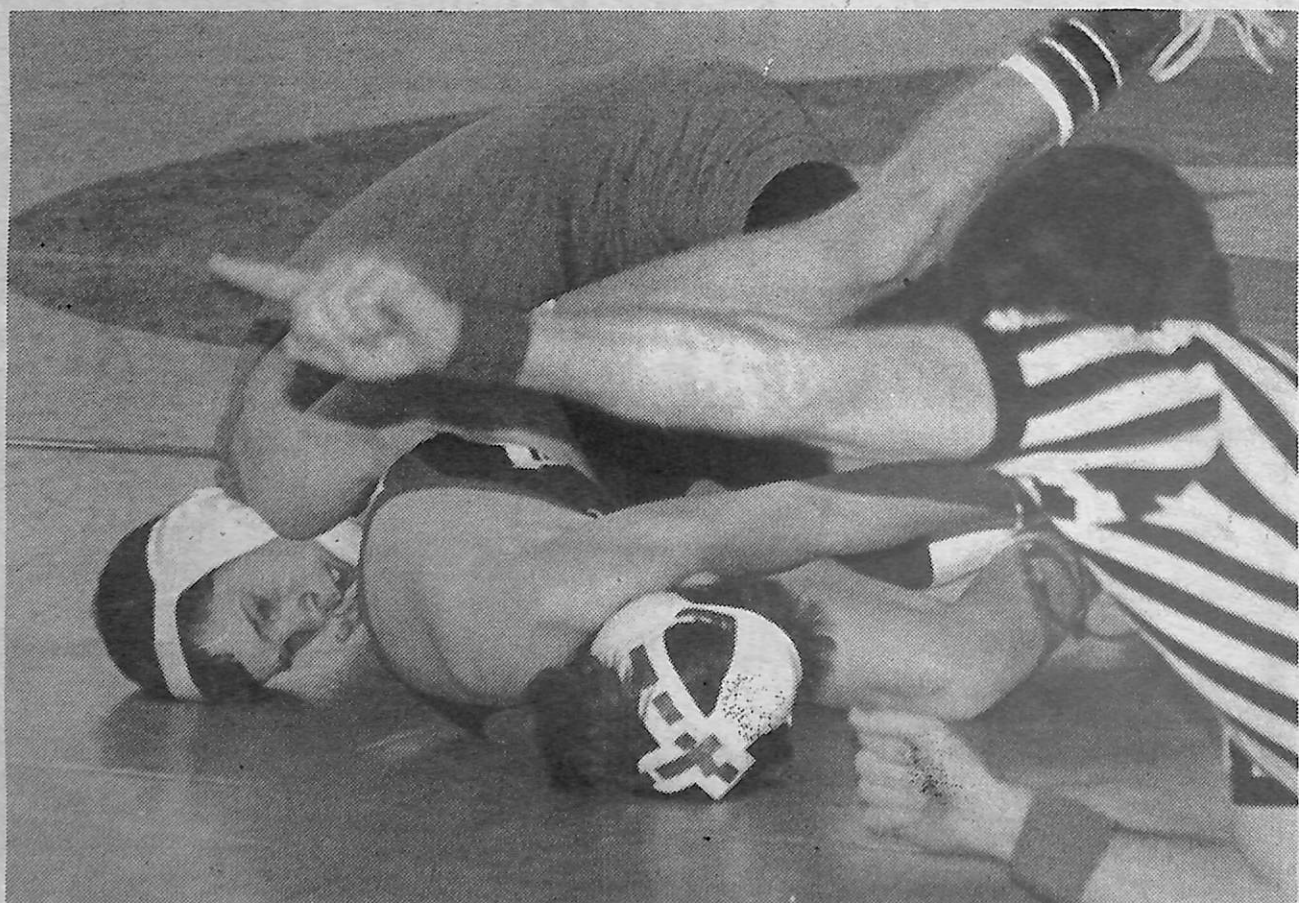
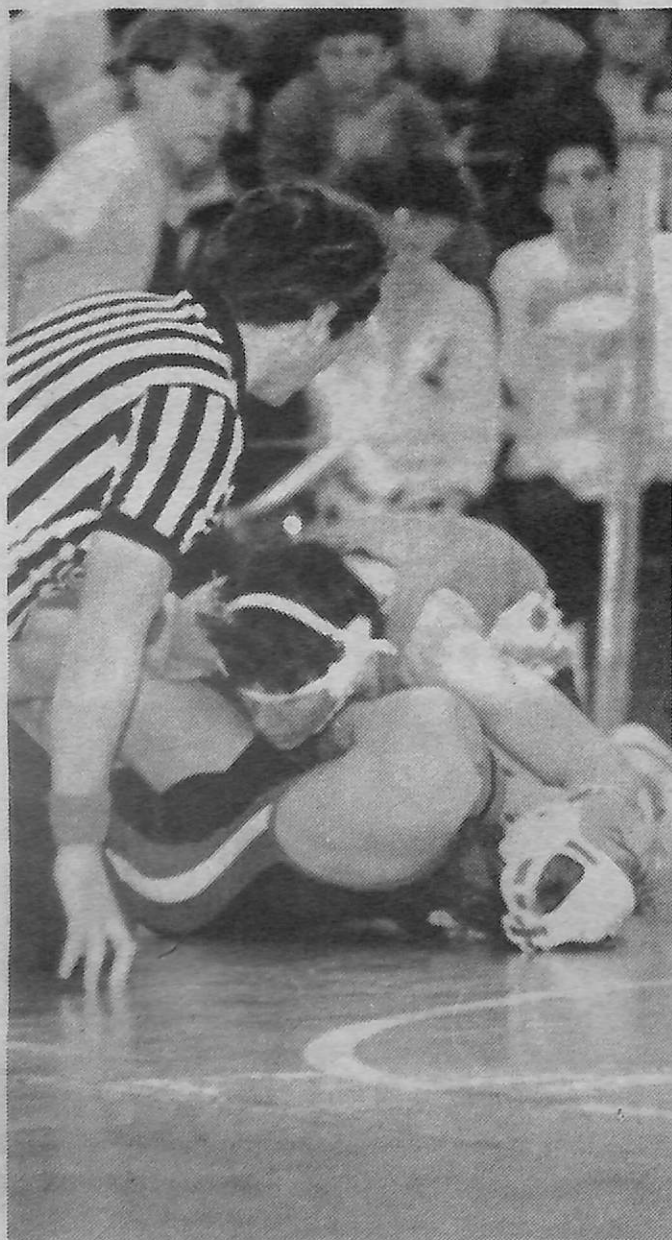
SOPHOMORE TOM CASCIO finished third in Western Mass. and is pictured in above photo working over an opponent - and in photo below, he brings his foe to the mat. Cascio, a sophomore, lost in the semifinals to Glen Lusignon of Westfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TONY LANGONE, another sophomore for the Agawam High Brownies, also placed third in Western Mass. Division I, losing in the semifinals to Steve Paskowich of Westfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SENIOR CHRIS WHITE placed second in Western Mass. for the Agawam Brownies in the 145-pound class. He lost in the finals to Russ Hoyt. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE CHAMPION: Agawam sophomore Jim Pirro won the Division I title in the 101-pound category, pinning all three opponents he faced. Pirro was one of 12 AHS wrestlers who placed at the Western Mass. Meet, a first for the school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

...AHS Again Hosts Tourney



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB, from left - Tom O'Keefe, Don Charest, and Ron Wieners helped-out in the kitchen to serve meals at the Division I Wrestling Tournament. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



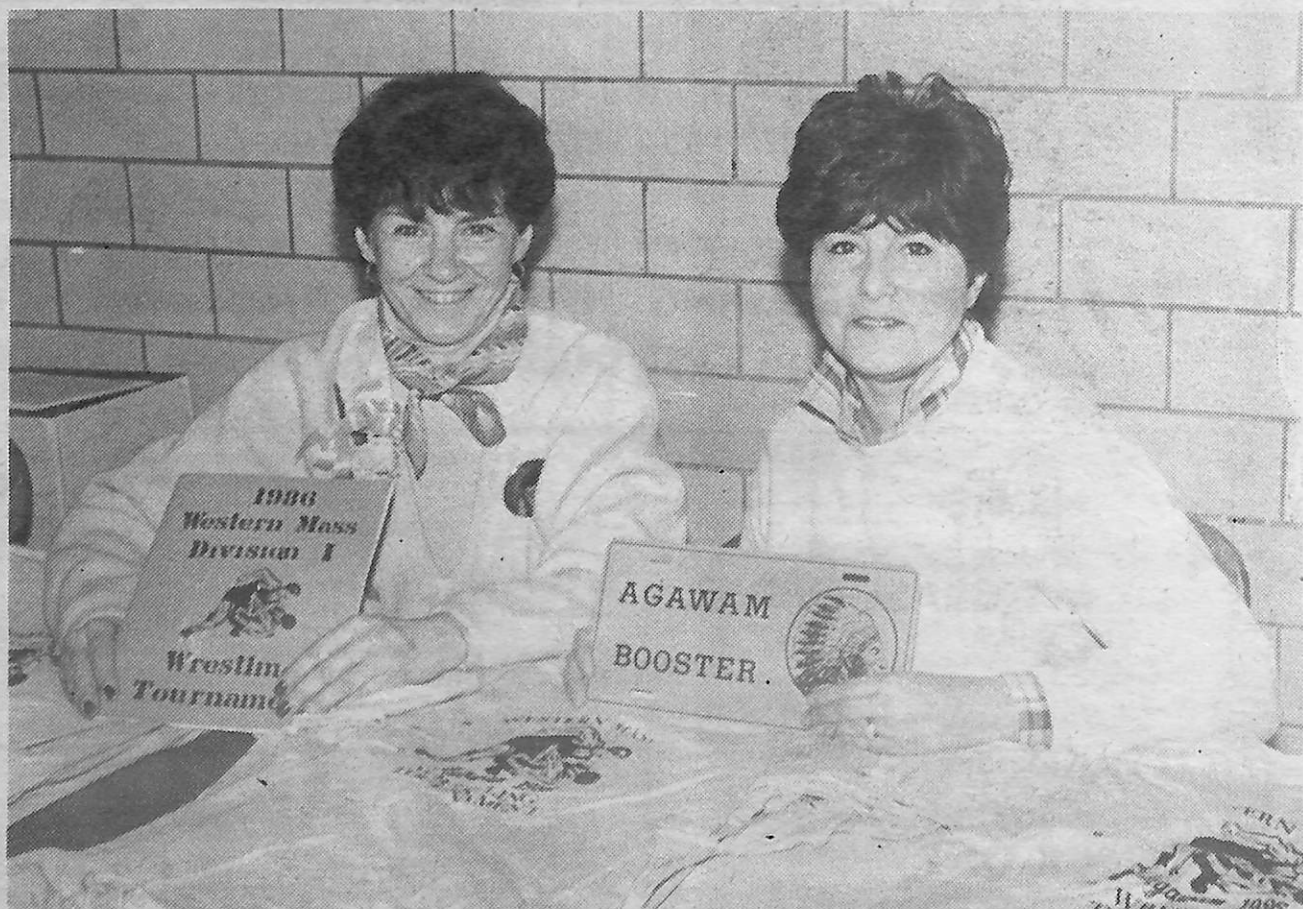
AGAWAM HIGH STUDENTS Alan Boucher (left) and Danny Felix enjoy their macaroni and meatball dinner put-on by the Agawam High Wrestling Booster Club and the Agawam Lions Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE BROTHERS STRATTON - Brendan, Adrian, and Justin were quite impressed by the schoolboy wrestlers and all hoped that they, too, would someday be performing in front of a big crowd like the one at the Agawam High gym last weekend for the Division I Wrestling Tournament. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LENDING THEIR EXPERTISE to the smooth operation of the kitchen at last weekend's wrestling tourney were Barbara Capponcelli and Dolly Reed. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH WRESTLING BOOSTER CLUB MOMS Marie Mazza and Jeanne Felix were selling program books and souvenirs throughout the wrestling tournament at the high school last weekend. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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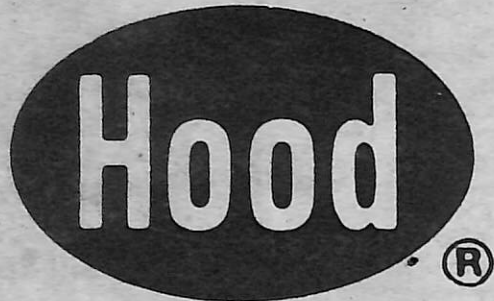
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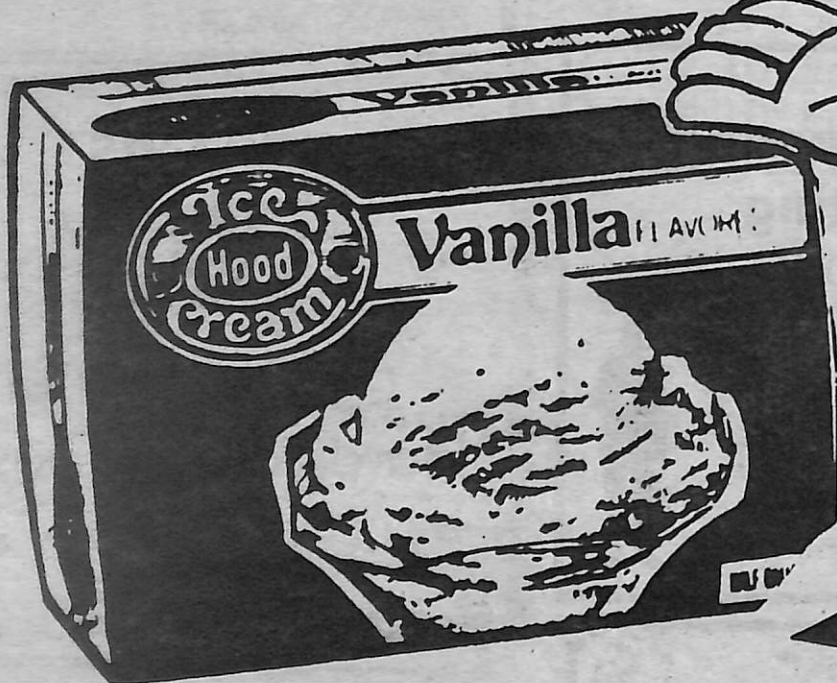
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